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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-786)

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

(GA)

(OO: Atlanta)

Re Bureau 0-1 to Cincinnati, 3/18/66.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters☒ Klan ☐ OrganizationSummary of Complaint: Information concerning
possibility of obtaining Ohio State charter for KKKK by one
[redacted] Sharonville, Ohio.[redacted] (Prob.) furnished information to SA [redacted]
on [redacted]Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of LHM. One
copy of LHM disseminated locally to 109th INTC Group, Cincinnati;
one copy to U. S. Secret Service, locally; and one copy to USA,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) **ENCLOSURE**
 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
 1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
 3 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-786) (1 - 157-245) ([redacted])

EMS:mjf (6)

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Cincinnati☐ LHM being submitted☐ Report being submitted1cc detached by
UnitAGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, [redacted] Preliminary investigation instituted
DEPT ISD: ORD Limited investigation instituted 229,524

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DATE FORW: 3-24-66

HOW FORW: 1256

BY: 54 APR 18 1966

Special Agent in Charge

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One information copy each to Atlanta and
Cleveland in view of their interest in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 21, 1966

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RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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On [redacted] a confidential source of the Cincinnati Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office as follows:

[redacted] who resides in the Sharonville, Ohio, area, and who was formerly associated with the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP), recently wrote a letter to the Attorney General, State of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. In this letter [redacted] made inquiry of the Attorney General as to the possibilities and procedure for obtaining a state charter for captioned Klan organization to operate in the State of Ohio. [redacted] several days ago, received an answer to his letter of inquiry from the Ohio State Attorney General pointing out to him the procedure which would have to be followed to obtain a state charter for this Klan group.

This source stated that [redacted] would sign the charter as [redacted] of Ohio, and [redacted] would also sign the charter as [redacted] in the State of Ohio. [redacted] is a self-admitted Klan member and has received a great deal of publicity in the Cincinnati area in connection with her recent testimony before Committee Hearings in Washington, D.C., during February, 1966.

Ohio
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This source is of the opinion that [redacted] has initiated the above action for one purpose only; that is, to have himself appointed [redacted] of this Klan group and then recruit members from any gullible individual he can recruit and steal as much money as possible from any members he might recruit.

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RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
CINCINNATI, OHIO

In conclusion, above source pointed out that when [] was an [] in the NAAWP, he was continually accused by other officers in the same organization of stealing funds, causing internal dissension with everyone concerned, and generally being responsible for the termination of the organization.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INCORPORATED
RM
(00: Atlanta)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-5 JLT/JP

Re Cincinnati teletype 3/25/66 and 3/27/66, and LHM dated 3/25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning a picket scheduled by the NKKKK, which was held on 3/26/66, at the Kettering, Ohio Board of Education Building, 3490 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio. There are also enclosed for Atlanta and Cleveland, for their information, two copies of the LHM.

Copies of the LHM are also being disseminated locally to the 109th INTC Group, Secret Service Cincinnati, and the AUSA, Dayton, Ohio.

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
2-Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)
2-Cleveland (Enc. 2) (RM)
3-Cincinnati (2-157-245)
(1-157-504)

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Klan Unit

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8. ENCLOSURE
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AGENCY: ACCL ONI, OSI, SEC SER

DEPT ISD: CRD

DATE FORW: 4-4-66

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 30, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

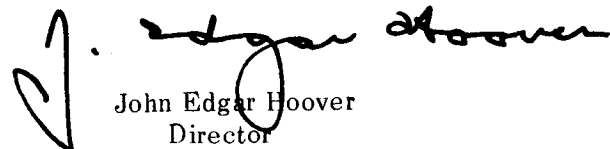
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service , Cincinnati

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45201
March 30, 1966

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-11/10/88

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 25, 1966,
captioned as above.

On the evening of March 26, 1966, approximately eighteen pickets representing the captioned organization picketed the Kettering Board of Education Building, 3490 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio, from about 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The picket consisted of these individuals carrying flags and placards walking back and forth in front of the Board of Education Building. About half of the pickets wore the white robes. The picketing was orderly and no incidents occurred.

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The "Dayton Daily News" issue of Sunday, March 27, 1966, carried an article "Klan marches again at Kettering School Board." This article indicated that the organizer, Parkie Scott, of the pickets answered to inquiries by newspaper people that they were protesting a withdrawal of invitation to speak last January 27, at Fairmont West High School. He stated that he had learned that Communists and others had spoken at the high school and that they felt they had the same rights. Scott indicated that they would return and picket again and perhaps hold rallies unless they heard from the Board of Education. *01110*

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ENCLOSURE

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Date: 3/31/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM - KLAN
(OO: ATLANTA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 BTJ/62

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, 3/31/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM. Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of LHM and Cleveland are two copies of LHM.

One copy of LHM furnished to 109th INTC Group and U. S. Secret Service locally.

On [redacted] (PROB) furnished information to SA [redacted]

LEADS:CLEVELAND DIVISION

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AT CLEVELAND, AKRON AND RAVENNA, OHIO

Attempt to verify this information with sources and alert appropriate law enforcement authorities.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc.8) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc.1) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc.2) (RM)
- 3 - Cincinnati (1-157-245) (NKKKK)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

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DATE FORW: 4-4-66

HOW FORW: [signature]

BY: [signature]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 31, 1966

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 BTJ/64

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On [redacted], a confidential source of
the Cincinnati FBI Office who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised a representative of the
Cincinnati FBI Office as follows:

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[redacted]
An unconfirmed rumor has been received that
[redacted], known [redacted] Klan members
from Akron, Ohio, might set up cross burning in Ravenna,
Ohio area April 2, 1966. The exact time and location
are unknown. A possibility exists that this matter is
only a rumor. Additional details are unknown at this time.

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A P P E N D I X

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [] source advised in [] that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A [] source advised in [] that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The [] source advised in [] that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Chairman.

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A P P E N D I X

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Organization was on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list. [redacted] said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list, but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cincinnati, Ohio
March 31, 1966

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (Your file 157-1506) DATE: 3-4 4-20-66FROM : *[Signature]* Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-168) ☒ Post in file and destroy 0-1
Room No. 906 9ND (J) (For SOG use only)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted 5/6at

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted See SLH Letter dated 4/29/66☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter by _____
☐ letter

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10:01 PM EST URGENT 4-1-66 JDW

TO DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI

FROM ATLANTA 020100

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Associated of ... in ...

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RE CINCINNATI TEL MARCH 31 LAST.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED NO INFORMATION
 INDICATING RALLY OR CROSS BURNING, RAVENNA, OHIO, APRIL TWO
 NEXT. ATLANTA WILL ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED.

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3:24 PM EST URGENT 4/1/66 MJV

TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 2P

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK), RM.

REMYTEL MARCH THIRTYONE, LAST.

SOURCE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED INSTANT DATE

[REDACTED] SPARTACIST MEMBERS, POSSIBLY TRAVELLING TO
EDINBURG, OHIO, APRIL TWO, NEXT, TO COUNTERPICKET ^{KLAN} RALLY.

SOURCE SAID [REDACTED] MIGHT ALSO PARTICIPATE. [REDACTED] IS ENGAGED IN
ANTI DASH KLAN AND ANTI DASH VIETNAM PICKETING. SOURCE POSSESSED NO
OTHER DETAILS.

[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, COLUMBUS PD, ADVISED
INSTANT DATE ONE SOURCE REPORTED POSSIBILITY THREE OR FOUR INDIVI-
DUALS, INCLUDING [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TRAVELLING TO RAVENNA, OHIO, FOR PICKETING KLAN RALLY APRIL TWO, NEXT.

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AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED MIGHT BE JOINED BY DELEGATION OF PICKETS FROM YOUNGSTOWN, AKRON, AND CLEVELAND, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN.

POSSESSED NO DATE RE TRAVEL PLANS COLUMBUS PICKETS. OSHP AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

CLEVELAND FORWARD ANY PHOTOS OBTAINED TO CINCINNATI FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION. CLEVELAND ALERT INTERESTED AGENCIES. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR [157-168]

FROM CLEVELAND [100-10261]

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [NKKKK] RACIAL MATTERS -
KLAN.

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 JY/JSK

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

FOLLOWING INFO RECEIVED FROM SHERIFF ROSS DUSTMAN, PORTAGE CO
SO RAVENNA, OHIO ON FOUR ONE SIXTYSIX.

[] KLAN [] FOR NORTH EASTERN OHIO PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED ON FOUR ONE SIXTYSIX HE HAS CANCELLED KLAN RALLY SCHEDULED
FOR APRIL SECOND SIXTYSIX AT EDINBURG, OHIO DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

[] ANNOUNCED CANCELLED RALLY BEING RESCHEDULED FOR FIVE ONE SIXTYSIX,
LOCATION TO BE GIVEN OUT AT LATER DATE.

CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER TO VERIFY RALLY
DEFINITELY TERMINATED. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI WASH DC

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REGISTERED MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 GJB

Re Cleveland airtels dated 3/25/66 and 3/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned as above. Two copies have been sent to Secret Service, Cleveland, and one each to local military intelligence agencies and the Office of the USA, Cleveland.

The [] confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [] a security source of this office.

The [] confidential source mentioned is []

The [] confidential source is []

The enclosed LHM is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as information furnished by the [] sources could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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This matter is being followed closely, and the Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Cleveland

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
March 31, 1966

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 EJS/64
ON 8-23-88

On [redacted] a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the NKKKK will hold a rally on April 2, 1966, at Edinburg, Ohio, which is located in Portage County. The rally is being organized by [redacted] who is the Klan [redacted] for Northeastern Ohio.

According to information received, the rally is open to "all white Christians". [redacted] has announced he expects a "pretty fair turn-out". He anticipates people attending from Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown, Ohio.

According to the source [redacted] has purchased a five acre plot of land located on Gidding Road in Edinburg, and states he plans to hold monthly Klan Rallies during the Summer of 1966.

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On March 29, 1966, Sheriff ROSS DUSTMAN of Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that purchase of the five acre plot of land in Edinburg, Ohio, by [redacted] did not materialize. He said when the owner of this land found out what the property was to be used for, he refunded [redacted] down payment to him and cancelled his contract on the basis [redacted] misrepresented himself at the time the original negotiation took place [redacted]

On [redacted] the confidential source mentioned above advised that during the recent international protest against the war in Vietnam [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, and [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio, were [redacted]

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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both in Cleveland on the date of the protest attempting to recruit persons from the picket line to come to Edinburg, Ohio, on the evening of April 2, 1966, to picket a Klan Rally scheduled for that date. According to the source's information, [] were passing out information to the pickets telling them to come to the intersection of Routes 18 and 14 in Edinburg, which is the center of that town.

A [] confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 2, 1963, that the Workers World Party Labor Day Conference convened at Workers World Party (WWP) Headquarters in New York City on August 31, 1963. The convening of the conference was preceded by a meeting of the presidium composed of the WWP National Committee members, which group included []

A characterization of the WWP is attached hereto.

A [] confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 30, 1965, that [] [] has attended many public forums in recent years sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in Cleveland, Ohio.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to Sheriff DUSTMAN, the land that [] is interested in is not located at Routes 18 and 14, but is at the intersection of Gidding Road and Route 183. Sheriff DUSTMAN said there is no location at the intersection of Routes 18 and 14 to hold a rally.

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He said he has caused extensive inquiries in the pertinent area of Routes 18 and 14, and nobody has offered their land for any Klan Rally. Sheriff DUSTMAN stated it appears to him the rally has been cancelled.

On March 31, 1966, Sheriff DUSTMAN was recontacted, and he advised that [redacted] appeared in his office on March 30, 1966, and identified himself as the Klan [redacted] for Northeastern Ohio. He said he still considers the land he purchased from the Brimfield Land Company in Edinburg a legal sale. He told Sheriff DUSTMAN he returned his \$25.00 down payment to this land company and has full intentions of holding his Klan Rally on that property on April 2, 1966. Sheriff DUSTMAN said that as it stands now, it appears the rally will go on as planned.

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On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On [] the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On [] a [] source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)
 RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)
RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

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 DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8/62

Re CV teletype to Bureau, 4/2/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM,
above caption.Two copies of the enclosed have been disseminated
to Secret Service, Cleveland, and one copy each to local
military intelligence and the office of the USA, Cleveland.Cleveland will follow this matter closely and
determine site and date of [] next proposed Klan Rally.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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- 2 - Cleveland
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Cleveland, Ohio
April 5, 1966

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 J. J. J. / J. J. J.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

The following information was received from
Ross Dustman, Sheriff of Portage County, Ravenna,
Ohio, on April 1, 1966: *OHIO*

Klan Organizer for North-
eastern Ohio, publicly announced the early evening of
April 1, 1966, that the Klan Rally he had scheduled
for April 2, 1966, in Edinburgh, Ohio, was being
cancelled. also announced the cancellation was
due to the threat of bad weather and the land at the
site of the rally was too swampy and muddy to allow
parking.

According to Sheriff Dustman, Lewis told him
he plans to reschedule the rally for either May 1, 1966,
or May 7, 1966, probably at the same location.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KUKLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

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Re Cincinnati airtel to Bureau, 3/30/66.

The Bureau is being furnished 8 copies of a LHM concerning NKKKK picketing of the Kettering, Ohio Board of Education.

The Cincinnati Office is being furnished 8 copies of the LHM to facilitate dissemination to Secret Service, Office of the U. S. Attorney, and local intelligence agencies within their division.

The Atlanta Office is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM for their information.

The Cleveland Division is not furnishing copies of the LHM locally to Secret Service and intelligence agencies inasmuch as the information concerns a matter within the Cincinnati Division which has previously been the subject of interest and dissemination to Secret Service, G-2, and the Office of the U. S. Attorney within the Cincinnati Division.

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The confidential source mentioned in the LHM
is [redacted] who orally furnished instant information
to SA [redacted]. This information will
be reduced to an informant report, a copy of which will
be furnished to the Cincinnati Division.

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Cleveland, Ohio
April 4, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN PICKETING
OF KETTERING, OHIO BOARD
OF EDUCATION, APRIL 2, 1966

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A characterization of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK)
appears as an appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, on [redacted] advised that
[redacted] of NKKKK Klavern 6, Cleveland,
Ohio, was, on April 2, 1966, contacting members of Klavern 6
to have them participate in NKKKK picketing of the Kettering,
Ohio, Board of Education, during the early evening of
April 2, 1966.

[redacted]
[redacted] all members of Klavern 6, departed Cleveland, Ohio,
at [redacted] in [redacted] personal automobile
and arrived at the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education
at 8 PM; however, this group observed no picketing or
other Klansmen in the vicinity and ultimately returned
to Cleveland.

In addition to the above group, [redacted] noted that
NKKKK Klavern 6 members [redacted] as well as
two other Klansmen he did not identify, indicated that
they would participate in the picketing of the Kettering
Board of Education on April 2, 1966.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [] source advised in [] that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-63 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order."

A [] source advised in [] that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

The [] source advised in [] that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM - KLAN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM. Two copies each of LHM are being furnished the Cleveland and Atlanta Offices.

One copy each of LHM has been disseminated to 109th INTC Group and U.S. Secret Service locally, and one copy to USA, Cincinnati.

On [redacted] (prob) furnished information to SA [redacted] concerning this matter.

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Contact sources to determine if they have any knowledge of this matter.

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- 3 - Cincinnati (2 - 157-245)

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Contact sources for any knowledge and verification of this matter.

If facts establish that the planned picket will definitely take place, alert appropriate local law enforcement and intelligence agencies.



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File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 4, 1966

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 BTJ/66

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN
Scheduled Picket Demonstration,
Cleveland, Ohio,
April 9, 1966.

On [redacted] a confidential source of the Cincinnati FBI Office who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office:

[redacted] North American Alliance of White People (N.A.A.W.P.) Cleveland, Ohio, is planning to picket one of the Cleveland, Ohio, daily newspapers on April 9, 1966. The specific identity of the newspaper is not positively known, but it is one of the two main Cleveland newspapers which is located near Lake Erie. Annable and another individual named [redacted] described as being a right-wing sympathizer from the Cleveland area, are expected to be in charge of the picket planning.

It is reported that [redacted] has invited [redacted] self appointed Klan recruiter, in Ohio, and anyone else he can think of who might be sympathetic to the Klan to travel to Cleveland and assist in the picket demonstration. This source added that the purpose of the picket is to exhibit protest and disagreement for the newspaper involved for not accepting certain right-wing notices and advertisements in the newspaper involved. Exact details concerning the notices and advertisements are not known at this time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-1261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM concerning a NKKKK picketing demonstration against "The Cleveland Press" to be held on 4/9/66. The Atlanta Office is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM and the Cincinnati Office is being furnished 3 copies, including a copy for the file on [redacted] in view of info that Cincinnati subject [redacted] may be instrumental in promoting the picketing.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM and offices of the U. S. Attorney, G-2, ONI and OSI are each being furnished one (1) copy of the LHM.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who orally furnished this info to SA [redacted] on [redacted]

As noted in the LHM, the Cleveland PD has also been alerted to this matter.

The Bureau and interested agencies will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

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(1 - [redacted])
1 - Cleveland

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DATE FORW: 4-12-66
HOW FORW: [initials]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

April 7, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INC.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
PICKETING OF "THE CLEVELAND PRESS",
CLEVELAND, OHIO, SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 9, 1966

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A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) appears as an appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on [redacted] advised that [redacted] of NKKKK Klavern No. 6, Cleveland, Ohio, is organizing a NKKKK picket demonstration against "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, to be held Saturday, April 9, 1966, at about 3:00 - 4:00 PM in front of "The Cleveland Press" Building, located at the Northeast corner of East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] stated the picketing would be in protest of recent critical articles on the Klan which have appeared in "The Cleveland Press" inasmuch as the articles did not tell the whole truth regarding the Klan's position. He also indicated that [redacted] of the NKKKK in Ohio, would be among the pickets and that [redacted] was the individual who suggested the picketing.

This source advised that [redacted] will be telephonically contacting all members of Klavern No. 6 and has yet has made no estimate as to the number of Klansmen expected to participate. However, [redacted] did note that he is having made 20 signs to be carried by

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TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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SOURCE ADVISED NKKKK TOGETHER WITH "WHITE CITIZENS
COUNCIL OF OHIO" AND NORTH AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF WHITE PEOPLE
PEACEFULLY PICKETED THE CLEVELAND PRESS FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR
LATE THIS AFTERNOON AND LATER MARCHED IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND.
NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED. SOME PICKETS WORE KLAN ROBES
AND OTHERS CARRIED CONFEDERATE FLAGS.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM (KLAN)

OO: ATLANTA

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Re CVairtel to Bureau, 3/31/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM concerning information previously furnished in reairtel. The Cincinnati and Atlanta Offices are each being furnished 3 copies for their files and have also been previously been alerted to the matter by reairtel.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished 2 copies and the local offices of G-2, ONI, and OSI are each being furnished one copy for their information.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who already furnished this information to SA [redacted] on [redacted] Informant authenticated his report on 4/4/66 at which time he advised he was then positive that [redacted] had advised he had been appointed [redacted] for the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga,

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- 3 - Cincinnati (Enc. 3) (RM)
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Lake, Geauga, and Medina and not "perhaps one other county" as he originally believed. He noted that he was not certain when he originally furnished this information but a further reflection recalled no other county was mentioned. This information was corrected for purpose of the LHM.



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Cleveland, Ohio
April 7, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 JY/6th

A characterization of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK)
appears as an appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable
information in the past, on [redacted] informed
that on [redacted]

[redacted] of Cleveland Klavern # 6, advised that a NKKKK
[redacted] for Ohio had recently been appointed by
Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE, although he did not
reveal the identity of the new Grand Dragon. He also
noted that he, [redacted] had been appointed a [redacted]
for the Ohio Counties of Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and
Medina, and that his appointment could be verified
through VENABLE. IMPERIAL WIZARD OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] stated that in the future Klaverns would
be reorganized into separate units of ten Klansmen and
not more than 50 Klansmen to a Klavern. The Klavern's
[redacted] would be the only individual knowing
all Klavern members, and there would be no communication
between Klavern units within a Klavern to insure maximum
security.

[redacted] noted that Catholics would be admitted to
NKKKK membership, but they would be together in their own
unit.

[redacted] also noted that in the future Klan officers
would be appointed rather than elected, subject to inves-
tigation and final confirmation by a Klokann Kommittee.

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KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Oregonia, Ohio, would remain the [redacted] for Ohio, but in the future would not be running the Klan in Ohio as he has been doing and would have nothing to do with making Klan appointments. He noted that [redacted] has done a good job in recruiting Klan members.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

OO: ATLANTA

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 BTJ/6

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM. The Atlanta Office is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM and the Cincinnati Office is being furnished 3 copies of the LHM for their respective interests.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished 2 copies and the local offices of the U. S. Attorney, G-2, ONI, and OSI are each being furnished 1 copy of the LHM.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who orally furnished this information to SA [redacted] on [redacted]. Verbatim copies of informant's actual report will subsequently be furnished the Cincinnati Office in consideration of information bearing on their subject, [redacted].

As the information incorporated in the LHM does not pertain to a demonstration and as the LHM served as a vehicle to alert interested Governmental agencies, a follow-up LHM will not be submitted unless an incident occurs as a result of the Klan's project mentioned therein.

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- 3 - Cincinnati (157-245) (enc. 3) (RM)

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Cleveland, Ohio
April 11, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

NKKKK Literature
Distribution,
April 11 and 12, 1966
Cleveland, Ohio.

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A characterization of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK)
appears as an appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable
information in the past, on April 9, 1966, informed that
[redacted] of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio,
had on April 9, 1966, instructed officials of NKKKK
Klavern # 6, Cleveland, Ohio, to organize a group of
Klansmen to pass out literature at the Cleveland Union
Terminal, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 11,
1966 and possibly April 12, 1966. He suggested that a
minimum of four Klansmen be utilized for this project.

Source noted that 3,000 pieces of the following
literature has already been printed for this purpose:

A reproduction of a letter written by
"Cleveland Press" reporter WALLY GUNTHER
to [redacted] in which he purports to
support the Klan movement.

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A copy of a political advertisement
[redacted] of the North
American Alliance of White People, Cleveland,
Ohio, had attempted to place in "The
Cleveland Press" entitled, "Lincoln Opposed
Integration".

Source noted that this project is a continuation
of [redacted] harassment of "The Cleveland Press", a daily
newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, because of recent
newspaper articles critical of the Klan and specifically

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because of the expose articles written by GUNTHER and based on information he acquired from infiltrating NKKKK Klavern # 6. Source also noted that [redacted] is currently running for the office of [redacted] and "The Cleveland Press" recently refused to accept his political advertisement on the grounds that it was too radical and that [redacted] has espoused it as another factor against "The Cleveland Press."

Source, on [redacted] confirmed that between [redacted] group of four Klansmen would pass out the aforementioned literature at the Cleveland Union Terminal, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, it was believed that the Klan would return to this same location to again pass out this literature on [redacted] between 8 AM and 10 AM.

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, was, on April 11, 1966, apprised of this situation and advised that police coverage would be given in the area.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN
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Re Cincinnati tel to Bureau, 4/1/66.

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Classified by SP8 JLB
Declassify on: OADR

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM regarding captioned organization. Two (2) copies of the LHM are being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, and one (1) copy to 109th INTC, Columbus, Ohio.

Two (2) copies of the LHM are being furnished the Cleveland and Atlanta Divisions.

The [redacted] source mentioned in [redacted] who is under development as a PSI, and who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

The [redacted] source is [redacted] used to characterize [redacted]

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The [] sources are Anonymous and [] School of Journalism, Ohio State University Columbus Ohio respectively, who are used to characterize []

The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to adequately protect sources of continuing value to the Bureau; namely, [] and [] School of Journalism, Ohio State University.

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The following were advised on 4/1/66, of the proposed picketing of the Klan rally:

[] (NA), Headquarters, Ohio
State Highway Patrol, Columbus, Ohio;

[] (NA), Columbus, Ohio,
Police Department;

SA [] U. S. Secret Service, Columbus,
Ohio;

[] 109th INTC Group, Columbus, Ohio.



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ON *8-23-88*

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN

On [] a [] confidential source advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he had learned on that date that [] and [] possibly were traveling from Columbus, Ohio, to Edinburg, Ohio, on April 2, 1966, to picket a Ku Klux Klan rally there. The source also learned that [] also might be participating in the picketing, and she might be driving there. The source did not possess any further details concerning the possible picketing. *Ohio*

On April 1, 1966, [] Intelligence Unit, Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that one source of his had reported the possibility that three or four individuals, which included [] and [] the [] planned to travel from Columbus, Ohio, to Ravenna, Ohio, on April 2, 1966, to participate in a picketing of a Ku Klux Klan rally there. [] stated that according to the information from his source, those individuals expected to be joined at the Klan rally by a delegation of pickets from Youngstown, Akron, and Cleveland, Ohio, the identities of whom were not known.

[] possessed no data regarding the travel plans of the group reportedly traveling to the Klan rally from Columbus, Ohio.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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[redacted]
On [redacted] confidential source
advised in March, 1964, that [redacted]
[redacted] who was formerly
of Columbus, Ohio, had indicated he felt he had
wasted several years working in left-wing socialist
groups and decided he could make better use of his
time by joining the Socialist Workers Party (SWP);
so [redacted] had applied for SWP membership.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General
of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]
On [redacted] confidential
source ascertained that [redacted]
[redacted] had been in contact
with the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. According
to information from that source, [redacted] reportedly
was a student majoring in Political Science at
Ohio State University, and [redacted] had indicated
that he and his roommates were Marxist-Leninists.
[redacted] had revealed he had been selected to con-
tact the Soviet Embassy, and he requested pictures
of Marx, Lenin, and Fidel Castro. According to
the same source [redacted] indicated [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] also indicated [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] terminated his contact with the Soviet
Embassy with "Yours for the Revolution, [redacted]
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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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A [] confidential source made available a taped interview with [] conducted in November, 1964, by [] a student reporter for the "Ohio State Lantern." During that interview, [] stated he was seeking admission to the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), through which "we attempt to reach the college age intellectual," and [] revealed he had volunteered for the task of forming a YSA local at Ohio State University. [] also stated that [] "is actually factionally inclined toward the Spartacist movement within our party" and was on trial membership in YSA.

Characterizations of the Young Socialist Alliance and Spartacist are included in the Appendix hereto.

On January 15, 1966, a Special Agent of the FBI observed the following:

At approximately 7:45 P.M. on January 15, 1966, eleven persons appeared with posters at the West entrance to Mershon Auditorium, 15th Avenue and North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. They picketed a speech by General Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, on that date. [] was observed as one of these picketers.

The January 16, 1966 issue of the "Columbus Sunday Dispatch," a newspaper of general circulation in the Columbus, Ohio, area, carried an article on page 2A captioned, "Vietniks Call For Triumph of Viet Cong."

The article stated that John Michael Houser served as spokesman for the group. When he was asked if he was a Communist, Houser replied, "Not in the Russian sense." He asserted the other members of the picketing group were "idealistic Communists" in the tradition of Leon Trotsky. He said, "We give critical support to Soviet Russia and stand for defense of Soviets against imperialist aggression."

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

A source advised on [] that the Revolutionary Committee of the Fourth International (RCFI) was also known as the Spartacist Committee and the Spartacist Group. This source described the RCFI as being composed of former members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who had split from the SWP and who were led by [] This source stated that this political unit has its main center in New York City, where it publishes "Spartacist" on a very irregular basis, but their formal meetings are held at least once a week.

A [] source advised on [] that [] of the SWP, sent a letter to all SWP branches in February, 1964, in which he advised that the expelled leader of a minority faction of the SWP, [] announced on February 10, 1964, that his faction would publicly criticize the SWP and had followed this with a public organ called "Spartacist" in which they attacked the SWP.

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The July-August, 1964, issue of "Spartacist," in its masthead, described this publication as follows:
". . . published bi-monthly by supporters of the Revolutionary Tendency expelled from the Socialist Workers Party." This masthead sets forth that the editor of the publication is JAMES ROBERTSON, and its main address is Post Office Box [] General Post Office, New York, New York.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" ("YS"), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication "YS."

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of YSA. This declaration stated YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the "YS" have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

A source advised on May 7, 1965, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in New York City, by youth of various left-socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised on May 7, 1965, YSA is dominated and controlled on a national basis by the SWP through having SWP members comprise exclusively the National Executive Committee (NEC) and through an official SWP representative at all YSA NEC meetings. The YSA, in reality, is the youth and training section of the SWP and the main source of the SWP members.

The headquarters of the YSA is located in Room 631, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 6, 1966

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN
Character: RACIAL MATTERS
Reference: Cincinnati letterhead memorandum,
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The [] confidential source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, but who occupied a responsible position whereby he had access to the information furnished.

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FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination concerning possible Klan picket plans on 4/16/66, vicinity of the Board of Education Building, Kettering, Ohio. Also enclosed are 2 copies each of LHM for the Atlanta and Cleveland Offices.

Copies of the LHM are also being distributed locally to the 109th INTC Group, U. S. Secret Service, and AUSA, Dayton, Ohio.

[redacted] furnished information concerning this matter to SA [redacted] on 4/14/66. SA [redacted] furnished information the same date to [redacted] Kettering, Ohio.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will contact source ^{for} and any pertinent information concerning this matter.

ATLANTA DIVISION:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Conduct same investigation as Cleveland Division.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45201
April 14, 1966

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN IN PROPOSED
PICKET DEMONSTRATION,
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING,
KETTERING, OHIO, 4/16/66

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On [redacted] a confidential source of the Cincinnati FBI Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office:

[redacted] organizer and recruiter for Klan (NKKKK) in Southern, Ohio, had mailed out letters to a number of Klan members and individual sympathizers to this Klan, advising them that a picket demonstration by the Klan group has been scheduled to take place on April 16, 1966, in the vicinity of the Board of Education Building, Kettering, Ohio.

[redacted] pointed out in the letter that he decided that any or all of the women invited, meet at his farm at Oregonia, Ohio, between 2:00 and 3:00 PM, April 16, 1966, for a Klan-type discussion. In the letter he requested that the men also be present for a meeting to be held between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, the same date. This source is of the opinion that [redacted] will hold some type of election among the individuals present, or will authorize more officers for the coming year.

[redacted] further pointed out in the letter that any individual who plans to attend the above meeting, bring at least 1/2 of their 1966 Klan dues with them which normally would consist of \$7.50. This source is of strong belief that [redacted] is running out of money again, and is holding the above meeting on the farm strictly for the purpose of another

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[REDACTED] In conclusion, this source pointed out that there is a possibility that the referenced picket demonstration could be cancelled at the last meeting. However, if it takes place, it is expected to be at approximately 6:00 PM.

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On April 4, 1966, Chief of Police John Shryock was advised and alerted of the above information by a Special Agent of the Cincinnati FBI Office.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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8:59 PM EST URGENT 4/16/66 LJK

TO: DIRECTOR (157-628)

FROM: CINCINTI (157-245)

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Wick
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Galt

Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (RM)

PICKET HELD KETTERING, OHIO BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING AS
SCHEDULED INSTANT DATE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM TO EIGHT PM.
ABOUT FIFTEEN PERSONS WALKED IN FRONT OF BUILDING IN AN ORDERLY
FASHION. MOST OF PICKETS WORE WHITE ROBES. NO INCIDENTS.
LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

OO: ATLANTA

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SP8 JTB/k

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 4/7/66 and
Cleveland tel to Bureau, 4/9/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning NKKKK picketing of "The Cleveland Press" on 4/9/66. The Cincinnati and Mobile Offices are being furnished 2 copies of the LHM inasmuch as subjects of these divisions participated and two copies of the LHM are being furnished the Atlanta Office as they are origin in this matter.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM and the local offices of the U. S. Attorney, G-2, ONI, and OSI are each being furnished one copy for their interest.

Copies of the LHM are not being furnished their respective files on an individual basis inasmuch as a verbatim copy of the informant's report will subsequently be furnished for each individual's file as the actual informant report will contain more detail as to the individuals own degree of participation.

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The Mobile Office will be furnished a copy of the informant report for [redacted] file who is now believed to have moved to Montgomery, and to the Cincinnati Office for their files on [redacted]
[redacted] and (FNU) [redacted]

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who already furnished this information to SA [redacted] on [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
April 11, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

NKKKK Picketing
of "The Cleveland
Press", April 9, 1966

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 9, 1966, informed that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), together with members of the White Citizens Council of Ohio (WCCO) and North American Alliance of White People NAAWP, formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement of White People, picketed "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, on April 9, 1966 and later marched in the downtown Cleveland area.

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A characterization of the NKKKK
and WCCO appears as appendix attached
hereto.

Source related that the NKKKK was behind the picketing mainly because of recent newspaper articles appearing in "The Cleveland Press" critical of the Klan and specifically because of a series of expose articles which appeared in "The Cleveland Press" by WALLY GUNTHER, A "Cleveland Press" reporter who had infiltrated NKKKK Klavern # 6, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of writing this series of expose articles on Klavern # 6. In addition, "The Cleveland Press" recently refused to accept a political advertisement from ROBERT ANNABLE, President of the NAAWP, who is running for the office of Ohio State Representative on the grounds that the advertisement was too radical and this fact was brought to issue at the picketing.

Source noted that [redacted] for Klan the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, was the principal Klan leader spearheading the picketing and that [redacted] the WCCO coordinated the WCCO's participation, and that [redacted] the NAAWP, coordinated the NAAWP's participation.

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North American Alliance of White People
Leading White Citizens
Council of Ohio

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Source noted that the picketing of "The Cleveland Press" Building, East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, commenced at about 4:10 PM with about 30 pickets and this number grew to about 40 pickets as the demonstration progressed. Seven of the pickets wore Klan robes and various pickets alternately carried a flagpole from which flew both a Confederate and United States of America flag. There was also a spattering of small Confederate flags and some of the pickets wore Confederate army hats and small replicas of Confederate flags.

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During the picketing and subsequent march, these pickets passed out the following literature:

A reproduction of a letter written by Cleveland Press reporter WALLY GUNTHER to [redacted] of the NKKKK, in which GUNTHER purports to support the Klan movement.

A copy of the political advertisement [redacted] attempted to place in "The Cleveland Press" entitled, "Lincoln Opposed Integration."

In addition, about 15 signs were carried by some of the pickets with the general theme "Join the NKKKK-WCCO-NAAWP" and others attacked "The Cleveland Press" for not publishing the [redacted] advertisement, and not being ~~fair~~ fair to the Klan in printing all of the truth concerning their side of the issue.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The pickets left "The Cleveland Press" Building at about 5:45 PM and marched to the Public Square via the Cleveland Board of Education where [redacted] a member of the NKKKK, mounted a statue of ABRAHAM LINCOLN with the flagpole flying a Confederate and U.S.A. flag while the pickets sang patriotic songs such as "God Bless America," and "Dixie", etc.

From the Cleveland Board of Education, the pickets marched to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument where they circled the monument prior to continuing on to Public Square.

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THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

From Public Square the pickets marched to East 6th Street and Lakeside Avenue, where the group disbanded at about 6:50 PM.

Source noted that the picketing was entirely peaceful and no incidences or arrests occurred.

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
OF OHIO

Records of the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, were checked on November 24, 1964, and contained the following information:

The White Citizens Council of Ohio was incorporated October 1, 1964, and carries incorporation number 333991. The articles of incorporation were filed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The place of incorporation is listed as Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the corporation is stated as follows:

"To preserve the Constitutional rights and guarantees for the white people as set forth in the Constitution of the U.S. of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio."

Three persons were named as trustees for the corporation:



[REDACTED] was appointed statutory agent for the corporation. The principal place of business or office for the purpose of serving notice or demand on the corporation was the same address as listed for [REDACTED]

The incorporation documents bear signatures purporting to be those of the aforementioned persons.

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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 4/18/66

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-224) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 RJ/62

Re report of SA [redacted]
at Louisville.

dated 1/20/66

Referenced report contained information reflecting the NKKKK held a rally near Covington, Kentucky, September 25 - 26, 1965, which was the first Klan type rally held in that area in the last 30 years. Further that investigation had disclosed no indication a Kentucky Klavern of the organization had been formed. Reliable data had been received that 12 individuals from the Covington area had joined the organization in connection with rallies at Oregonia, Ohio.

Investigation regarding instat matter since submission of referenced report has determined that no Kentucky Klavern has been formed. Further, there is no indication that any individual in Kentucky is an officer in the organization. Since submission of the referenced report individual cases have been opened on the 12 individuals identified as members of the organization for the purpose of determining if they were officers or active workers of the organization. To date investigation on 11 of the individuals, which included interviews with them, has been completed, and there is no indication any are leaders or active workers in the organization. A number admitted having joined the organization but claimed to have ceased any association with the organization shortly thereafter and claimed not to have any plans for becoming active in the organization.

It is believed the interviews with these individuals may have had a deterrent effect towards their attempting to start any Kentucky chapter of the organization.

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In view of there being no evidence of any Kentucky chapter of the organization being in existence, the captioned matter is being RUC'd at this time. This office will remain alert to the possibility of any future activity of the organization in Kentucky. In the event such occurs, this matter will be reopened, and the Bureau and the office of origin appropriately advised.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 4/21/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/3/65 - 4/7/66
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka		REPORT SA	0-17 NO (#28)
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CHARACTER OF CASE RM - ORGANIZATION		incorrect sp. agent's name Cons. 10/15 8-9-66 Other offices not notified <i>Brown</i>	
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SYNOPSIS: **REFERENCE:** Report of SA [redacted] 12/16/65, at New Orleans.

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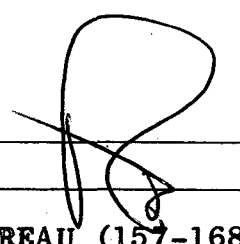

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization.

AT SHREVEPORT AND COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

Will follow activities of captioned organization and report same.

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Inasmuch as captioned organization's activities are very limited in the State of Louisiana, and for all practical purpose, appears to be about dead: The contents of this report is limited to available information received since the submission of referenced report. Consequently, the format of this report does not conform to the general format used in organization reports.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 21, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: APRIL 21, 1966

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: N.O. 157-188

Bureau File No.: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION

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Synopsis: Irregular meeting of Ku Klux Klan held Shreveport - Bossier City and Coushatta, La. No organizational progress due to lack of leadership. Planned harassment by Klan of integrated party of Western Electric Company, Shreveport, La., 12/18/65 did not materialize due to police in area. On 3/10/66, Shreveport - Bossier City group voted to become a separate Klan organization with [REDACTED]. In doing this, they pulled away from National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED] attended Klan meeting Coushatta, La., 3/29/66 where they talked of plans for consolidating with the United Klan. Shreveport - Bossier City group, on 3/17/66, had some discussion regarding guns. Klan group in Coushatta, La., inactive because of fight within group.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (UKA) are set forth in the appendix of this report.

A characterization of The Original Ku Klux Klans of America, Inc. (OKA) is also attached.

I. KLAVERN MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

A. SHREVEPORT - BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

Source advised that it does not appear that [redacted] and his group of the NKKKK are doing anything and that they may be dieing for lack of leadership.

[redacted]

Source advised that the NKKKK are not doing anything as they have too many leaks in the group.

[redacted]

There was a meeting at the Pick Nick Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, Shrevenort, Louisiana, March 8, 1966, [redacted] of the store, was in charge. Twelve men were present. They did not have any real organization or plans. They talked about having photographs taken of a meeting which they believed to be integrated. They also raised a small amount of money to assist one of their members.

[redacted]

There was a Klan meeting at the Pick Nick Store on [redacted] with nine men present, at which time they had the normal general discussions and also talked about one Negro student attending Byrd High School.

[redacted]

There was a Klan meeting at the Pick Nick Store on [redacted] with nine men present. They had general discussion and [redacted] said the FBI is harassing them and they plan to start rumors that would cause a complete change in the FBI personnel in Shreveport.

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The Klan planed to harass a Western Electric Company Christmas party on December 18, 1965, which was reported to be an integrated party.

[REDACTED]

On December 20, 1965, HARVEY TEASLEY Chief of Police, advised that officers observed [REDACTED] and four or five other men in the area of Convention Hall where the party was being held. They were ordered out of the area by the police.

A Klan meeting was held at the Pick Nick Store February 22, 1966; ten men were present. They planned swearing in ceremonies at a later date and wanted to asse~~s~~ each member \$5.00 a month dues.

[REDACTED]

There was a meeting of the Klan in Bossier City, Louisiana, on [REDACTED] twelve men were present. Two new members were sworn in at this meeting. [REDACTED] did not want to swear in the members himself as some further time he might be asked this question by a congressional committee. A vote was taken that they would become a separate Klan organization with [REDACTED] as the [REDACTED] and that they would not be affiliated with the NKKKK as they had in the past.

[REDACTED]

There was a Klan meeting at the Pick Nick Store [REDACTED] with twelve men present. They discussed obtaining land for use as a meeting place for rallies in the future. They also had some dis-cussion of guns and the type of metal used in guns.

[REDACTED]

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There was a Klan meeting in Bossier City, Louisiana, on the night of March 24, 1966; nine men were present. The major portion of this meeting was taken up talking about the FBI and how best they could go about getting some of the agents fired. They talked of a meeting planned for March 29, 1966, at Coushatta, Louisiana, at which time Klan leaders from East Texas, Southern Arkansas, and Northern Louisiana, present as well as [redacted] and a [redacted]

There was a called meeting for the Klan to meet [redacted] at the Pick Nick Store to vote on whether or not the Klan in Shreveport - Bossier City would unite with the United Klan [redacted]

[redacted] cancelled this meeting on April 7, 1966, because [redacted] as the television stations had contacted [redacted] and said they were covering [redacted] that night as they heard the FBI intended to raid the Klan there.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] from Coushatta, Louisiana, met with [redacted] and [redacted] at the Holiday Inn, Ruston, Louisiana.

The main topic under discussion was the fact that [redacted] wanted to see the entire state united as it was once under the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Louisiana, approximately two years ago. [redacted] stated that the best way to unite the various klan groups in the state would be for them to possibly go with the UKA. [redacted] wanted [redacted] to act as an [redacted] with leaders of the UKA in the State of Louisiana and set up a future meeting between [redacted] and th [redacted] so that the Klan group from Coushatta, Louisiana, could possibly be brought into the UKA

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organization. [redacted] stated [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] at any future UKA meeting so that all groups could combine in order to defeat the communist conspiracy of civil rights.

[redacted] stated he would like to talk to [redacted] of the UKA, personally to see to it that this could be accomplished.

[redacted] stated that he would get in touch with [redacted] in South Louisiana to determine what his feelings would be towards [redacted] and the uniting of all Klan groups in Louisiana under the UKA banner.

[redacted]
[redacted] attended a Klan meeting at Coushatta, Louisiana, March 29, 1966. [redacted] was not present. [redacted] of New Orleans, FNU [redacted], a man from Monroe and one from out of the state, were together as speakers and left early as they supposedly received an urgent call.

[redacted]
Source advised that the Klan group in Coushatta, Louisiana, appears to be quite inactive as a result of a fight within the group as some wanted to stay with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and some wanted to go with [redacted] into the United Klan.

[redacted]
II. RALLIES

None.

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III. PROPENSITY TO VIOLENCE

There was a discussion of guns and the type of metal used in guns. [REDACTED] said he had some guns and plenty of ammunition.

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NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, also known as
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,
National Grand Council of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, National Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Majority Citizens
League

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the klans unity of effort and activities, to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2 - 5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

This source also advised that at a consolidation meeting at Savannah, Georgia, October 3, 1960, it was resolved and passed that in any future meetings of this group the name "Majority Citizens League" was to be used.

A [] source advised that at a National Klonklave meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on [] a motion was carried that there were to be at least six national meetings a year to be held any time from one week to twelve weeks after the last meeting. The time and meeting place were to be decided by the newly-elected chairman. This [] source also advised that at each meeting a new chairman and acting secretary were to be elected to serve at the next meeting. A national secretary had not been appointed.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The [] source and a [] source advised in [] that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is [] by [] and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several Southern states.

On [] the [] source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The [] source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

[] source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.
(LOUISIANA) (OKA)

Records of the Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, reflect that a Louisiana corporate charter was issued to the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., on January 26, 1965, at Monroe, Louisiana.

A source advised on May 16, 1965, that at a Province meeting in Winnsboro, Louisiana, of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) held in December, 1964, there was a considerable dissension among the members and as a result, a split in the OKKKK occurred. [redacted] led the split and formed the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., according to the source.

A [redacted] source advised on [redacted] that [redacted] formed the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. (OKA) after splitting away from the OKKKK in December, 1964. The [redacted] source advised that the OKA has the same general purposes as the OKKKK; that is, the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and the maintaining of segregation.

The [redacted] source also advised that [redacted] assumed the leadership position of [redacted] of the OKA in February, 1965, after [redacted] left the organization. The [redacted] source further advised that the OKA does not have any units chartered outside the State of Louisiana.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 21, 1966

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans dated and captioned as above.

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Re Cincinnati airtel, dated 4/14/66, and Cincinnati teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/16/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a picket scheduled by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (NKKKK) which was held on 4/16/66, at the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education Building, 3490 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio. There are also enclosed for Atlanta and Cleveland, for their information, two copies of the letterhead memorandum.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are also being disseminated locally to the 109th INTC Group, Secret Service, Cincinnati, and the Assistant United States Attorney in Dayton, Ohio.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Reference is made to memorandum, dated April 14, 1966, captioned as above.

On the evening of April 16, 1966, approximately 14 pickets representing the captioned organization, [redacted] picketed the Kettering Board of Education Building, 3490 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio, from about 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The picket consisted of individuals carrying flags and placards walking back and forth in front of the Board of Education Building on the sidewalk. Most of the pickets wore white robes. The picketing was orderly and no incidents occurred. There is attached a characterization of the above captioned organization.

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Report of SA

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Will follow and report the activities of the National
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This report is being classified confidential inasmuch as information obtained from [redacted] through [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of security informants, security sources, and techniques of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

[redacted] on [redacted] informed [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] a member of Klavern #6, recently advised him [redacted]
[redacted]

Based on the known membership of Klavern #6, combined with an optimistic estimate of the membership of Klavern #7, there are roughly 100 NKKKK members within the Cleveland Division. It would, therefore, appear that the figure of 900 members for Ohio is highly exaggerated and, therefore, was not reported in the details of this report.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 4/22/66

Office: Cleveland, Ohio

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Bureau File #: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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ON 8-23-88

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Synopsis:

Klavern #6, centered at Cleveland, Ohio, and Klavern #7, centered at Akron, Ohio, continue to operate although activities of Klavern #6 substantially curtained since a series of expose articles on the NKKKK appeared in "The Cleveland Press", 2/4-14/66, written by "The Cleveland Press" reporter WALLY GUENTHER, who joined Klavern #6 for the purpose of exposing the Klan. Klavern #6 had about 55 members prior to "The Cleveland Press" expose articles and now believed substantially less; Klavern #7 membership believed to be substantially less than Klavern #6. At Klavern #6 meeting, 1/23/66, following were elected officers: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however, all but [REDACTED] subsequently left office. Although [REDACTED] publicly quit, he is still considered [REDACTED] behind the scenes. In addition to Klavern #6 meetings of 1/23/66 and 2/5/66, members of Klavern #6 sat in audience during a speech given by WALLY GUENTHER on the Klan, 3/22/66, and picketed "The Cleveland Press" on 4/9/66. Plans to hold NKKKK Rally, 4/2/66, at Edinburg, Ohio, canceled. NKKKK spearheaded proposed demonstration at Cleveland City Hall for 3/7/66, which was

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canceled because of lack of support. During March and April, 1966, Klansmen from Northern Ohio participated in picketing of the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education.

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DETAILS:

At Cleveland, Ohio

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) is contained in the Appendix of this report.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Headquarters

[] on [] advised that the NKKKK has no headquarters within the confines of the Cleveland Division, and to the best of his knowledge the NKKKK has no headquarters within Ohio.

B. Charter Information

[] on [] advised that the NKKKK has no charter with the State of Ohio although for a short period the NKKKK did have a charter which was granted by the State of Ohio and then revoked.

[] did note that Klavern #6 of the NKKKK had considered obtaining a charter under the name Educational Sportsmen's Fund, however, nothing was ever done in this direction and there are no present indications that this will be done. He further noted that nothing has been done to change the name of the Educational

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Sportsmen's Fund to the Educational Sports Club or any other name in order to disguise the intent of Klavern #6.

[redacted] Secretary of the State's Office, Corporations Division, Columbus, Ohio, on March 7, 1966, advised ID [redacted] that the records of his department contained no record concerning the Educational Sportsmen's Fund.

C. Objectives

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that through his association with the Klan movement it is clear that the objectives of the NKKKK are to fight integration, bring about the repeal of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as to present the views of the white race in a favorable light by insuring that the various news media present not only the Negroes views but also that of the white race in any particular issue.

[redacted] noted that these objectives in the Northern Ohio area are expected to be brought about by peaceful means by the vast majority of Klansmen, although a very small minority within the movement have eluded to or even suggested forms of violence and intimidation against the Negro race as a solution to the problem.

D. National and State Officers

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that there are no officers on the national level within the State of Ohio.

On [redacted] informed that on March 27, 1966, [redacted] of Cleveland Klavern #6, advised that a NKKKK [redacted] for Ohio had recently been appointed by Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE, although he did not reveal the identity of the new Grand Dragon. He also noted that he [redacted] had been appointed a [redacted] for the Ohio Counties of Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and Medina, and that his appointment could be verified through VENABLE.

[redacted] stated that in the future Klaverns would be reorganized into separate units of ten Klansmen and not more than 50 Klansmen to a Klavern. The Klavern's Exalted Cyclops would be the only individual knowing all Klavern members, and there would be no communication between Klavern units within a Klavern to insure maximum security.

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[] noted that Catholics would be admitted to NKKKK membership, but they would be together in their own unit.

[] also noted that in the future Klan officers would be appointed rather than elected, subject to investigation and final confirmation by a Klokann Kommittee.

[] advised that [] of Oregonia, Ohio, would remain the Kleagle for Ohio, but in the future would not be running the Klan in Ohio as he has been doing and would have nothing to do with making Klan appointments. He noted that [] has done a good job in recruiting Klan members.

II. KLAVERNS

A. Name and Location

[] on [] advised that to his knowledge Kuyahoga Kounty Klavern #6 (Cuyahoga County) also known as Klavern #6, centered at Cleveland, Ohio, and Klavern #7, centered at Akron, Ohio, are the only two Klaverns in the area. He noted that neither Klavern #6 nor Klavern #7 have a permanent meeting place or headquarters and they usually meet in rented space.

[] advised that Klavern #6 encompasses that area north of the Ohio State Turnpike to Lake Erie, between east and west boundaries of the State of Ohio, and that Klavern #7 encompasses that area south of the Ohio State Turnpike between the east and west boundaries of the State of Ohio. [] advised he was unaware of the southern boundary of Klavern #7, but assumes it encompasses those counties which lie to the south of Akron, Ohio, thus putting Akron in the center of the area.

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"The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, in a series of expose articles on the NKKKK in Ohio, quoted PARKIE SCOTT, Kleagle for the State of Ohio, as stating that in this area there are Klaverns in Cleveland, Akron, and Brunswick, Ohio. This article appeared in the February 11, 1966 edition.

[] advised on [] that at a meeting of Klavern #6 held January 23, 1966, at Cleveland, [] mentioned that there is a real good Klavern within 50 miles of Cleveland, and he was not referring to the Klavern at Akron, Ohio.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[] advised on [] that there is no concrete evidence that there is other than Klaverns #6 and #7 in this area. He pointed out that it is known that [] is favorably disposed toward NKKKK Klansman [] of Lodi, Ohio, and that the Lodi-Brunswick, Ohio area, both within 50 miles of Cleveland, has been used by the NKKKK on two occasions in 1965 for NKKKK Rallies. In this respect, [] felt that [] could be bolstering the image and strength of the NKKKK by indicating a third Klavern in the area; however [] feels that there are no more than a handful of Klansmen in the Lodi-Brunswick, Ohio area, who possibly do occasionally meet but are not sufficient in numerical strength for the formation of an active Klavern.

B. Membership and Recruiting

[] on [] informed that approximately 55 individuals are members of Klavern #6.

[] on [] advised that as a result of a series of expose articles on the NKKKK appearing in "The Cleveland Press", February 4-14, 1966, he feels that a substantial number of individuals who were active members of Klavern #6, have dropped out of the Klan movement as a result of the expose. He noted that an accurate appraisal could not be made in view of the limited amount of NKKKK activity subsequent to the appearance of the articles, as well as the fact that Klavern #6 has had no meetings since that time. He noted that the NKKKK during the past few months has engaged in no open recruiting although the possibility exists that [] may have processed some membership applications in his possession which he sometimes receives by mail directly from the individual making application for membership.

[] on [] informed that [] advised that Klavern #7, Akron, Ohio, was falling apart because of the poor leadership of the Klavern's Exalted Cyclops (EC). He stated that the EC of Klavern #7 had been recruiting members into Klavern #7 by soliciting individuals whose names he would pick out of the telephone directory not knowing if they were Jews or Negroes. [] said this man would have to be replaced.

[] advised on [] that he has no knowledge as to the exact membership of Klavern #7, however, based on the limited activity of Klavern #7 he felt it would be substantially less than Klavern #6, which at its peak had about 55 members.

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C. Officers

[redacted] on [redacted] and [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted] both reported that at an election meeting of Klavern #6
held January 23, 1966, at Cleveland, the following individuals
were elected by secret ballot:

[redacted] Exalted Cyclops ~~SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

[redacted] Klaliff (Vice President) ~~SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

[redacted] Klabee (Treasurer)

~~OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

[redacted] - Kligrath (Secretary)

~~SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

[redacted] Kludd (Chaplain)

~~SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that subsequent to the
above election, the only remaining active officer in Klavern #6
is [redacted]. He noted that because of FBI investigation and
the series of expose articles appearing in the "Cleveland Press",
the remaining officers have dropped away from at least active
participation in the Klan. In respect to [redacted] he noted
this individual has moved to another state.

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[redacted] on [redacted] advised that [redacted]
on January 29, 1966, advised he was ostensibly quitting the Klan
inasmuch as he was under investigation by the FBI and that he would
publicly make it known that he is quitting the Klan although he
would reactivate at a later date. In this respect [redacted] on
[redacted] informed that [redacted] is still considered to be the
[redacted] of Klavern #6, although his participation is mainly
limited to behind the scenes Klan maneuvering.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted]
is considered the [redacted] of Klavern #7 although
[redacted] of Klavern #6, who is claiming
appointment as a [redacted] for four counties in Northern Ohio,
on March 27, 1966, advised that [redacted] would not be
continued as the [redacted] of Klavern #7 as he, [redacted]
had attempted to recruit new NKKKK members by sending out recruit-
ment letters to individuals whose names he would pick out of the
telephone book.

III. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS

In considering the foregoing activity, it should be specifically pointed out that "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published in Cleveland, Ohio, carried a series of expose articles on the NKKKK in Ohio, and in particular, on Klavern #6, which were carried daily (except Sundays, no publication) on the front page of "The Cleveland Press" from February 4, 1966 through February 14, 1966. These articles were written by WALLY GUENTHER, a "Cleveland Press" reporter, who became a member of NKKKK Klavern #6 for the sole purpose of obtaining material to write the expose series. During the time he was a member of Klavern #6, his true affiliation with "The Cleveland Press" was not known to any member of Klavern #6.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the above noted series of expose articles greatly disrupted and influenced the activity of Klavern #6 herein described.

A. Meetings

[redacted] on [redacted] informed that Klavern #6 held an election meeting on January 23, 1966, at David's Hall, Clark Avenue at West 41st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, at which approximately 28 Klansmen attended. Prior to the actual election, the results of which have previously been described in detail, [redacted] the [redacted] was impeached from office to prevent him from running in the election as [redacted] was in disfavor with the Klavern in view of the dictatorial manner in which he was running Klavern #6.

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[redacted] on [redacted] in reporting on this meeting of January 23, 1966, advised that NKKKK Kleagle for Ohio, [redacted] spoke of the necessity for all Klansmen in the State of Ohio to pledge money to help pay the legal costs of the trials resulting from the cancellation and subsequent arrest of Klansmen at the NKKKK Rally which was scheduled at Dillsboro, Indiana, late 1965. He stated costs to carry the case through the State Supreme Court would be about \$3,200 and that he started the ball rolling by contributing \$1,200 of his own money, while JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, wired \$200 of his money to help in the fight.

[redacted] also mentioned the necessity of obeying the local Exalted Cyclops without question as the Exalted Cyclops received his orders from [redacted] and he in turn receives his orders from [redacted] in Georgia.

[redacted] on [redacted] furnished a copy of a letter announcing a special meeting of the NKKKK to be held February 5, 1966, which is set forth verbatim as follows:

"SPECIAL MEETING

"DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 1966
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
PLACE: DAVIDS HALL
4105 Clark Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

"All members should attend this important meeting.

"We think we have 3 informers in the Cleveland Klavern. They have violated their oath and lied to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. At this meeting they will be tried and given sentence if found guilty.

"At this time we have had trouble in holding an EC in your Klavern. We now have one man who will represent you as EC no matter what comes up. He will come out in the open when necessary.

"Be present and bring your ideas and suggestions.

"I will be in Cleveland for this meeting.

"Respectifully

[redacted]
[redacted] on [redacted] informed that approximately 28 Klansmen and approximately 8 to 9 Klanswomen attended

the special meeting of the NKKKK held February 5, 1966.

[] gave a speech in which he advised that he was not going to expose the informers he referred to in his letter as he wanted to keep things quiet until after his coming appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings on the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

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During the meeting numerous Klansmen showed concern over the expose articles which had made their initial appearance the day before the meeting, February 4, 1966, although [] did not feel the Klan would be hurt by the articles unless the Klansmen are identified by name. A surprise search of all present was conducted after which each Klansmen came to the front of the meeting room to individually take a Klan oath that they were not informers or Communists and that they would uphold the Klan.

[] informed that [] letter announcing the special meeting of February 5, 1966, was merely a [] to get Klansmen to attend the meeting as none would want to miss the meeting as their absence might indicate they were one of the three informers mentioned in the letter. [] composed this letter on January 30, 1966. In addition, [] noted that the one man who will represent Klavern #6 as the Exalted Cyclops and who will come out in the open when necessary as noted in the announcement, is undoubtedly [] inasmuch as [] on January 30, 1966, informed that in view of [] resignation as [] of Klavern #6, he, [] would become Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #6 if a replacement could not be found for []

[] on [] noted that the meeting of February 5, 1966, was the last NKKKK sanctioned meeting held by Klavern #6 subsequent to "The Cleveland Press" expose articles, although it is now planned that Klavern #6 meetings will be re-activated in the near future.

B. Public Gatherings, Demonstrations

Proposed Public Demonstrations

[] on [] advised that seven members of the NKKKK and one member of the UKA met at the Manger Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on February 28, 1966, to formulate plans for

future public demonstrations. This was not considered a meeting of the NKKKK but rather an undertaking within the Klan movement and spearheaded by members of the NKKKK on an individual basis.

[] stated it was decided that the Klan would not be publicly identified as the organization behind the picketing and the participants would identify themselves only as White Taxpayers Association. It was decided that the first picket demonstration would take place Monday, March 7, 1966, in front of the Cleveland City Hall at 7:30 PM. This would be at the same time Cleveland City Council members would be convening for a regular council meeting. Signs are to be carried by the pickets and the theme of the signs will be that Cleveland streets are not safe for white women at night with the inference that the danger is from Negro males. The source stated that no disturbances are anticipated in connection with the picketing and the demonstration is to be peaceful in all respects. The source stated that the number of expected participants is unknown, but all Klansmen will be asked to participate.

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[] stated that the group also considered other demonstrations for the future. One of the places mentioned as a possible site for picketing is the Bookmark, a bookstore at E. 101st Street and Euclid Avenue, which has been identified in local news media as being operated by Communists.

[] on [] advised that on March 3, 1966, the name "White Taxpayers Association" was changed to "White Taxpayers" and that announcements of the proposed demonstration for March 7, 1966, would be furnished to the radio, television, and newspaper media.

[] on [] informed that the Klan demonstration of March 7, 1966, was publicly announced as having been canceled because of bad weather conditions. However, [] noted that the real reason the demonstration was canceled was because of lack of support and only a few Klansmen advised that they would definitely participate. In addition, no one wanted to assume any responsibility and very little effort was made to organize the demonstration.

NKKKK Movement to Counteract
Speech of "Cleveland Press"
Reporter WALLY GUENTHER,
March 22, 1966

[] on [] advised that "Cleveland Press" reporter WALLY GUENTHER was scheduled to give a speech at the Executive Club-East, Woodmere, Ohio, on March 22, 1966, before a group sponsored by the B'nai B'rith of the Greater Cleveland Area. The meeting will be opened to the public and GUENTHER will relate his experiences in infiltrating Klavern #6.

[] noted that [] felt some action should be taken to discredit GUENTHER, and in this connection furnished a letter written by GUENTHER to [] at the time GUENTHER was attempting to join the NKKKK. In this letter GUENTHER indicates a desire to become active in the NKKKK and generally praises the work of the Klan. [] requested Klavern #6 to have this letter reproduced and passed out to the audience as they entered the Executive Club-East.

[] on [] advised that 500 copies of the WALLY GUENTHER letter were reproduced although none were passed out at the Executive Club-East speech of WALLY GUENTHER on the evening of March 22, 1966. However, seven members of the NKKKK sat in the audience in an attempt to distract GUENTHER during his speech. GUENTHER did acknowledge to the audience that he did see several familiar faces from the Klan.

[] noted that this was mainly a scare tactic and that the project was entirely peaceful and no incidents or arrests occurred.

Picketing of "The Cleveland Press"
April 9, 1966

[] on [] advised that [] of NKKKK Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, is organizing a NKKKK picket demonstration against "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, to be held Saturday, April 9, 1966, at about 3:00 - 4:00 PM in front of "The Cleveland Press" Building, located at the northeast corner of East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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[] stated the picketing would be in protest of recent critical articles on the Klan which have appeared in "The Cleveland Press" inasmuch as the articles did not tell the whole truth regarding the Klan's position. He also indicated that [] of the NKKKK in Ohio, would be among the pickets and that [] was the individual who suggested the picketing.

[] advised that [] will be telephonically contacting all members of Klavern #6 and as yet has made no estimate as to the number of Klansmen expected to participate. However, [] did note that he is having made 20 signs to be carried by the pickets and although he had no idea what would be painted on the signs, it would be in favor of the Klan's position.

[] noted that the picketing would be peaceful and no violence is anticipated.

HEAD OF [] on [] informed that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., together with members of the White Citizens Council of Ohio (WCCO) and North American Alliance of White People (NAAWP), formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement of White People, picketed "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, on April 9, 1966 and later marched in the Downtown Cleveland area.

A characterization of the WCCO appears as Appendix attached hereto.

[] related that the NKKKK was behind the picketing mainly because of recent newspaper articles appearing in "The Cleveland Press" critical of the Klan and specifically because of a series of expose articles which appeared in "The Cleveland Press" by WALLY GUENTHER, a "Cleveland Press" reporter who had infiltrated NKKKK Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of writing this series of expose articles on Klavern #6. In addition, "The Cleveland Press" recently refused to accept a political advertisement from [] of the NAAWP, who is running for the office of Ohio State Representative on the grounds that the advertisement was too radical and this fact was brought to issue at the picketing.

[] noted that [] for the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, was the principal Klan leader spearheading the picketing and that [] the WCCO,

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coordinated the WCCO's participation, and that [redacted]
[redacted] the NAAWP, coordinated the NAAWP's participation.

[redacted] further noted that the picketing of "The Cleveland Press" Building, East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, commenced at about 4:10 PM with about 30 pickets and this number grew to about 40 pickets as the demonstration progressed. Seven of the pickets wore Klan robes and various pickets alternately carried a flagpole from which flew both a Confederate and United States of America flag. There was also a spattering of small Confederate flags and some of the pickets wore Confederate army hats and small replicas of Confederate flags.

During the picketing and subsequent march, these pickets passed out the following literature:

A reproduction of a letter written by
"Cleveland Press" reporter WALLY GUENTHER to
[redacted] of the NKKKK,
in which GUENTHER purports to support the
Klan movement.

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A copy of the political advertisement
[redacted] attempted to place in "The
Cleveland Press" entitled, "Lincoln Opposed
Integration."

In addition, about 15 signs were carried by some of the pickets with the general theme "Join the NKKKK-WCCO-NAAWP" and others attacked "The Cleveland Press" for not publishing the [redacted] advertisement, and not being fair to the Klan in printing all of the truth concerning their side of the issue.

The pickets left "The Cleveland Press" Building at about 5:45 PM and marched to the Public Square via the Cleveland Board of Education where [redacted] a member of the NKKKK, mounted a statue of ABRAHAM LINCOLN with the flagpole flying a Confederate and U.S.A. flag while the pickets sang patriotic songs such as "God Bless America," and "Dixie", etc.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

From the Cleveland Board of Education, the pickets marched to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument where they circled the monument prior to continuing on to Public Square.

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From Public Square the pickets marched to East 6th Street and Lakeside Avenue, where the group disbanded at about 6:50 PM.

[redacted] advised that the picketing was entirely peaceful and no incidents or arrests occurred.

NKKKK Rally Scheduled for
April 2, 1966, at Edinburg, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Ohio [redacted] on [redacted] advised that the NKKKK will hold a rally on April 2, 1966, at Edinburg, Ohio, which is located in Portage County. The rally is being organized by [redacted] who has identified himself as the [redacted] for northeastern Ohio.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

According to information received, the rally is open to "all white Christians." [redacted] has announced he expects a "pretty fair turn-out." He anticipates people attending from Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown, Ohio.

According to [redacted] as purchased a five acre plot of land located on Gidding Road in Edinburg, and states he plans to hold monthly Klan Rallies during the Summer of 1966.

On March 29, 1966, Sheriff ROSS DUSTMAN of Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that purchase of the five acre plot of land in Edinburg, Ohio, by [redacted] did not materialize. He said when the owner of this land found out what the property was to be used for, he refunded [redacted] down payment to him and canceled his contract on the basis [redacted] misrepresented himself at the time the original negotiation took place.

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that during the recent international protest against the war in Vietnam, [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, and [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio, were both in Cleveland on the date of the protest attempting to recruit persons from the picket line to come to Edinburg, Ohio, on the evening of April 2, 1966, to picket a Klan Rally scheduled for that date. According to the source's information, [redacted] and [redacted] were passing out information to the pickets telling

them to come to the intersection of Routes 18 and 14 in Edinburg, which is the center of that town.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Workers World Party Labor Day Conference convened at Workers World Party (WWP) Headquarters in New York City on August 31, 1963. The convening of the conference was preceded by a meeting of the presidium composed of the WWP National Committee members which group included [redacted]

A characterization of the WWP is attached hereto.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] has attended many public forums in recent years sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in Cleveland, Ohio.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to Sheriff DUSTMAN, the land that [redacted] is interested in is not located at Routes 18 and 14, but is at the intersection of Gidding Road and Route 183. Sheriff DUSTMAN said there is no location at the intersection of Routes 18 and 14 to hold a rally.

He said he has caused extensive inquiries in the pertinent area of Routes 18 and 14, and nobody has offered their land for any Klan Rally. Sheriff DUSTMAN stated it appears to him the rally has been canceled.

On March 31, 1966, Sheriff DUSTMAN was recontacted and he advised that [redacted] appeared in his office on March 30, 1966, and identified himself as the Klan Organizer for Northeastern Ohio. He said he still considers the land he purchased from the Brimfield Land Company in Edinburg a legal sale. He told Sheriff DUSTMAN he returned his \$25.00 down payment to this land company and has full intentions of holding his Klan Rally on that property on April 2, 1966. Sheriff DUSTMAN said that as it stands now, it appears the rally will go on as planned.

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The following information was received from ROSS DUSTMAN, Sheriff of Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, on April 1, 1966:

[redacted] for Northeastern Ohio, publicly announced the early evening of April 1, 1966, that the Klan Rally he had scheduled for April 2, 1966, in Edinburg, Ohio, was being canceled. [redacted] also announced the cancellation was due to the threat of bad weather and the land at the site of the rally was too swampy and muddy to allow parking.

According to Sheriff DUSTMAN, LEWIS told him he plans to reschedule the rally for either May 1, 1966, or May 7, 1966, probably at the same location.

Plans to Picket NKKKK
Rally Scheduled for April 2, 1966,
at Edinburg, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that he had learned on that date that [redacted] and [redacted] possibly were traveling from Columbus, Ohio to Edinburg, Ohio, on April 2, 1966, to picket a Ku Klux Klan rally there. The source also learned that [redacted] also might be participating in the picketing, and she might be driving there. The source did not possess any further details concerning the possible picketing.

On April 1, 1966, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, advised that one source of his had reported the possibility that three or four individuals, which included [redacted]

[redacted] the [redacted] planned to travel from Columbus, Ohio, to Ravenna, Ohio, on April 2, 1966, to participate in a picketing of a Ku Klux Klan rally there. [redacted] stated that according to the information from his source, those individuals expected to be joined at the Klan rally by a delegation of pickets from Youngstown, Akron, and Cleveland, Ohio, the identities of whom were not known.

[redacted] possessed no data regarding the travel plans of the group reportedly traveling to the Klan rally from Columbus, Ohio.

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[redacted] on [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] who was formerly
of Columbus, Ohio, had indicated he felt he had
wasted several years working in left-wing socialist
groups and decided he could make better use of his
time by joining the Socialist Workers Party (SWP);
so [redacted] had applied for SWP membership.

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[redacted] on [redacted] ascertained that
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[redacted] had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy, Washington,
D.C. According to information from that source, [redacted]
reportedly was a student majoring in Political Science
at Ohio State University, and [redacted] had indicated
that he and his roommates were Marxist-Leninists.
[redacted] had revealed he had been selected to contact
the Soviet Embassy, and he requested pictures of
Marx, Lenin, and FIDEL CASTRO. According to the
same source, [redacted] indicated as he progressed in the
Russian language, he would appreciate some Russian
periodicals and possibly a pen-pal. [redacted] also
indicated he hoped some day he would have the
opportunity to visit the Soviet Union. [redacted]
terminated his contact with the Soviet Embassy with
"Yours for the Revolution, [redacted]"

[redacted] made available a taped interview with
[redacted]
[redacted] conducted in November, 1964, by [redacted]
a [redacted] for the "Ohio State Lantern." During
that interview [redacted] stated he was seeking admission
to the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), through which
"we attempt to reach the college age intellectual,"
and [redacted] revealed he had volunteered for the task of
forming a YSA local at Ohio State University. [redacted]
also stated that [redacted] "is actually factionally
inclined toward the Spartacist movement within our
party" and was on trial membership in YSA.

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Characterizations of the Young Socialist Alliance and Spartacist are included in the Appendix hereto.

On January 15, 1966, a Special Agent of the FBI observed the following:

At approximately 7:45 PM on January 15, 1966, eleven persons appeared with posters at the West entrance to Mershon Auditorium, 15th Avenue and North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. They picketed a speech by General HAROLD K. JOHNSON, Army Chief of Staff, on that date. [redacted] was observed as one of these picketers. [redacted]

The January 16, 1966 issue of the "Columbus Sunday Dispatch," a newspaper of general circulation in the Columbus, Ohio area, carried an article on page 2A captioned, "Vietniks Call for Triumph of Viet Cong."

The article stated that JOHN MICHAEL HOUSER served as spokesman for the group. When he was asked if he was a Communist, HOUSER replied, "Not in the Russian sense." He asserted the other members of the picketing group were "idealistic Communists" in the tradition of LEON TROTSKY. He said, "We give critical support to Soviet Russia and stand for defense of Soviets against imperialist aggression."

Demonstrations at Kettering,
Ohio, Board of Education

March 12, 1966

[redacted] on [redacted] informed that the NKKKK organized a picket demonstration to be held at the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education, Kettering, Ohio, on Saturday, March 12, 1966. [redacted] handled the organizing of the picket demonstration, the purpose being to exhibit a disagreement with the School Board's action in the past which allowed "left-wing" speakers but disallowed "right-wing" speakers to be heard by any student in a high school in Kettering.

[redacted] noted that the picketing for March 12, 1966, was abruptly canceled because of inclement weather. However, there were approximately 15 Klansmen on hand for the picketing,

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the majority being from the Southern Ohio area, although several Klansmen from the Cleveland, Ohio area were present in the group.

March 19, 1966

[] advised on [] that NKKKK picketing of the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education was held March 19, 1966, at Kettering, Ohio, and that eight Klansmen from Northern Ohio participated.

March 26, 1966

[] advised on [] that NKKKK picketing of the Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education is scheduled for March 26, 1966, however, no Klansmen from Northern Ohio expect to participate.

April 2, 1966

[] advised on [] that a group of four Klansmen from Klavern #6, including [] traveled to Kettering, Ohio, on April 2, 1966, to participate in picketing of the Kettering Board of Education scheduled for that date. This group arrived at Kettering at 8:00 PM and observing no picketing or other Klansmen in the area, departed and ultimately returned to Cleveland.

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In addition to the above [] noted that four other Klansmen from Klavern #6 indicated that they would participate in the above picketing, however, he had no available information to indicate if they actually did participate.

C. Miscellaneous Activity

[] on [] advised that [] on April 9, 1966, instructed [] Klaliff of Klavern #6, to organize a minimum of four Klansmen to pass out reproductions of the "WALLY GUENTHER Letter" and [] political advertisement entitled, "Lincoln Opposed Integration" in Downtown Cleveland, on April 11, 1966, and possibly the following day. Approximately 3000 pieces of this literature had already been printed.

[] on [] informed that on April 11, 1966, three Klansmen passed out about 500 pieces of this literature at "The Cleveland Press" Building, East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for a couple of hours around noon. On April 12, 1966, an additional 300 pieces of this literature was passed out at the same location by three Klansmen for about one hour, commencing sometime between noon and 12:30 PM.

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[] noted that Klavern #6 was originally going to pass this literature out at the Cleveland Union Terminal Tower, Downtown Cleveland, and at the last moment the location was changed to "The Cleveland Press" Building.

IV. FINANCES

[] on [] informed that no information has come to his attention relative to any change in Klavern #6's bank balance maintained at the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, under the name "Educational Sportsmen's Fund", and that the last balance was \$105.95. He noted that because of the lack of NKKKK meetings, that local dues collections have temporarily been suspended and there would be no reason for a change in this bank balance.

V. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

[] advised on [] that Klavern #6 has no publications nor have they produced any propaganda on their own behalf, although he did note that Klavern #6 has been responsible for the reproduction of the "WALLY GUENTHER Letter" to personally discredit GUENTHER and his views on the Klan. He did note that although the NKKKK did participate in the distribution of [] political advertisement, he feels that [] was responsible for this piece of literature and the NKKKK was solely cooperating in its distribution because of views expressed in this piece of literature are compatible with the views espoused by the Klan.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Cooperation With Other Organizations

[] on [] advised that [] and a group of Klavern #6 Klansmen attended a meeting of the NAAWP held the evening of April 9, 1966, following the picketing of "The Cleveland Press" at Cleveland, Ohio, on the same date.

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[] gave a speech at the NAAWP meeting, in which he stated that various right-wing groups should start working together more closely and support one another. He gave as an example the picketing earlier in the afternoon in which the NKKKK, NAAWP, and WCCO participated.

[] and [] the NAAWP, were together most of the time and engaged in a lot of private conversation. At the end of the meeting the hall was cleared out after which [] and [] had a private talk of about twenty minutes duration.

B. Statements Leaning Toward Violence

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[] on [] informed that at the NAAWP meeting of April 9, 1966, [] mentioned several times during the course of the evening that he would like to see a riot in Cleveland like the recent riot in the Watts Section of Los Angeles, California. [] made no comments as to how riots in Cleveland could be brought about and limited his comments to the fact that he would like to see a riot in Cleveland.

[] on [] advised that [] on March 19, 1966, addressed a group of Ohio Klansmen at Oregonia, Ohio, at which time he advised that WALLY GUENTHER, "The Cleveland Press" reporter who infiltrated Klavern #6, should be brought in and put on trial by the Klan. He also stated that he wanted GUENTHER's Klan robe back and considered the robe to be Klan property even though GUENTHER had paid for the robe. [] made no suggestions as to how this should be accomplished and no plans were put into effect. He did note that he was mad because the GUENTHER articles were the cause of canceling Klavern #6 meetings subsequent to the publication of the expose articles.

[redacted] (telephone number [redacted]) telephonically contacted the Cleveland Office of the FBI On February 12, 1966, at 2:35 AM, at which time he had just returned home following a social evening in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Valley City, Ohio.

[redacted] informed that while at the VFW Hall, February 11-12, 1966, he was in conversation with [redacted] also known as [redacted] who he identified as a member of the NKKKK and an employee of the Northon Construction Company, 7500 Exchange Street, Valley City, Ohio. MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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During this conversation [redacted] informed that he is a member of the "Goon Squad" of the NKKKK and wanted to bet [redacted] that "The President is dead and buried before the end of March, and Vice-President HUMPHREY and MARTIN LUTHER KING would follow shortly." [redacted] refused to implicate anyone by name as having any connection with this plot but seemed quite positive the plot would take place.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was not drunk when he made the statement, although [redacted] did have a "few drinks." [redacted] mentioned that this conversation was also in the presence of an (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic) who is a friend of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] joined the NKKKK at an NKKKK Rally held in the Brunswick, Ohio, area sometime during 1965.

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, on December 13, 1965, advised that a 1962 Pontiac, bearing 1965 Ohio license [redacted] which is registered to a [redacted]

[redacted] was observed in the vicinity of David's Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on November 28, 1965, and the operator of this vehicle was observed entering this hall during which time a meeting of the NKKKK was in progress.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
OF OHIO

Records of the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, were checked on November 24, 1964, and contained the following information:

The White Citizens Council of Ohio was incorporated October 1, 1964, and carries incorporation number 333991. The articles of incorporation were filed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The place of incorporation is listed as Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the corporation is stated as follows:

"To preserve the Constitutional rights and guarantees for the white people as set forth in the Constitution of the U.S. of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio."

Three persons were named as trustees for the corporation:



[REDACTED] was appointed statutory agent for the corporation. The principal place of business or office for the purpose of serving notice or demand on the corporation was the same address as listed for [REDACTED]

The incorporation documents bear signatures purporting to be those of the aforementioned persons.

APPENDIX

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15 - 17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

A source advised on May 7, 1965, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in New York City by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised on May 7, 1965, that the YSA is dominated and controlled on a national basis by the SWP through having SWP members comprise exclusively the National Executive Committee (NEC) and through an official SWP representative at all YSA NEC meetings. The YSA, in reality, is the youth and training section of the SWP and the main source of new SWP members.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Room 535, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to executive Order 10450.

A P P E N D I X

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The [] source and a [] source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is [] by [] and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several Southern states.)

[] source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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[] source advised on [] that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states. This source said that [] is the [] of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

A P P E N D I X

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

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The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On [] a [] source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

100-10261

Cleveland, Ohio

April 22, 1966

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
 KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

Character RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Reference Report of SA
 dated and captioned as above
 at Cleveland, Ohio.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Miss Gandy	_____

NKKKK, RM - KLAN, OO ATLANTA.

THIS AM, [REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED

KLAN PLANS PICKET DEMONSTRATION NOON, TODAY, BOARD
OF EDUCATION, KETTERING, OHIO, LED BY [REDACTED]
APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO
PARTICIPATE, PICKET WILL BE SIMILAR TO DEMONSTRATIONS
HELD PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, SAME LOCATION. PICKET EXPECTED
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: April 27, 1966

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

SUBJECT: *33 B0*
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK)
RM - KLAN

OO: Atlanta

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Re Cincinnati airtel to Bureau, 3-31-66.

Subj. Org.
For the information of Cincinnati, [redacted]
[redacted] for the NKKKK in northeastern Ohio, purchased a tract of land in Edinburg, Ohio, just southeast of Ravenna, Ohio, during March, 1966, and announced he would hold a Klan rally on April 2, 1966. Due to a lack of parking facilities and poor weather conditions [redacted] called off the rally and it was not held. The Portage County Sheriff's Office patrolled the area all day on April 2, 1966, and there was no rally or cross burning.

When the President of the Land Company, from whom [redacted] purchased the property, found out the land was to be used for Klan activity, he attempted to declare the deal illegal as [redacted] misrepresented the intended use of the land. At the present time, he is still attempting to have their contract cancelled.

At the time [redacted] announced the cancellation of the rally, he also announced he was dropping out of the Klan and was going to join the North American Alliance of White People as the Klan's activities are too restricted. Cleveland is attempting to determine the truth of [redacted] statement.

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- 2 - Cincinnati (1-157-245) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (RM)
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The Cincinnati Office is requested to contact its Klan sources for any information re dropping out of the Klan.

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All of the above has been previously furnished the Bureau.

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Date: 4/25/66

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NKKKK
 RM - KLAN
 (OO: Atlanta)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KULUX KLAN
 Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, 4/23/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM furnishing information concerning Klan planned picket at Kettering, Ohio, 4/23/66. Also, enclosed for Atlanta and Cleveland is one copy each of LHM for information purposes. One copy of LHM is being furnished 109th INTC Group and U. S. Secret Service, locally. One copy of LHM being furnished to USA, Dayton, Ohio.

During a.m. of [redacted] (Prob) furnished information concerning this matter to SA [redacted]

During a.m. of 4/23/66, SA [redacted] furnished facts of this matter to Chief of Police JOHN SHRYOCK, Kettering, Ohio, Police Department.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

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HOW FORW: R.S.

BY: [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 25, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service **Cincinnati**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 25, 1966

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 JFJ/af

RE: PROPOSED PLANNED PICKET DEMONSTRATION
KETTERING, OHIO, BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 23, 1966 - NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN.

During the morning of [redacted] a confidential source of the Cincinnati FBI Office who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office.

It was learned during the morning of [redacted] that [redacted] self admitted [redacted] for captioned Klan in Ohio, was planning another Klan picket demonstration in the vicinity of the Board of Education building, Kettering, Ohio, starting about noon this date. Approximately ten to fifteen individuals were expected to participate in the picket demonstration with some of those wearing robes as they had done on several previous Saturdays.

The picket demonstration was being held in protest of the Kettering School Board of Education not allowing certain right wing speakers to speak before the high school student bodies in that city. The picket was expected to be carried on in a peaceful manner.

During the morning of this same date, Chief of Police John Shryock, Kettering, Ohio, Police Department, was advised and alerted as to the above situation by a Special Agent of the Cincinnati FBI Office.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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Date: 4/26/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)
 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
 RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
 (OO: Atlanta)

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 DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-8 JRS/STP

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 1/12/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a self-explanatory LHM. The Atlanta Office is being furnished two (2) copies of this LHM for their information.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished two copies of the LHM and G-2 is being furnished one copy, as these agencies were previously furnished information bearing on this matter.

Another confidential source is [redacted] who orally furnished this information to SA [redacted]. He was previously alerted to this matter at its inception and subsequently has learned of no plans for a March on Washington. He was specifically contacted this date for information appearing in the LHM and he will remain alert to any information concerning this matter.

It is pointed out that during [redacted] of 1/19/66, he referred to the March on Washington as being on Independence Day (July 4), whereas all other info indicates the correct date to be Memorial Day (May 30). The CV Office will remain alert to any info bearing on a March on Washington.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio
April 26, 1966

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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A characterization of the National Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) appears as
an Appendix attached hereto.

Information From NKKKK Klavern No. 6,
Cleveland, Ohio, Meeting of January 9,
1966, Concerning a Klan March on
Washington, D. C., May 30, 1966

The Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation previously furnished information on January 11,
1966, concerning captioned matter.

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[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI
on January 19, 1966, at which time he admitted attending
meetings of the NKKKK in Cleveland but denied membership.
During this interview he informed that the Klan was going to
march on Washington, D. C., on Independence Day in 1966, to
protest civil rights legislation and that it was to decide
who is going to run the United States, the whites or the
blacks. He was highly critical of the U. S. Government, commenting
that they seem only to be concerned with the Negroes and not
the whites. He stated that he, himself, was in favor of mass
migration by the white people from this country to either Canada
or Australia, and leave the country to the Negroes. He advised
that he was trying to interest the Klan in this movement. He
informed that although he is a citizen of the United States,
he, himself, had written to the Australian Consulate in New
York City about migrating to Australia and was advised that
he could not migrate to that country because he did not have
an employable background.

Another confidential source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past on Klan matters, on April 26,
1966, informed that no information has come to his attention

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regarding a Klan March on Washington, D. C., and if there were any serious efforts in this direction within Klavern No. 6, Cleveland, Ohio, or nationally, this would most certainly have come to his attention. He did note that [redacted] a current member of Klavern No. 6 and [redacted] of this Klavern, has mentioned a "March on Washington" for Memorial Day, 1966, but feels this is [redacted] own idea and no positive steps have actually been taken by him in promoting such an undertaking.

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RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory LHM. The Atlanta and Newark Offices are each being furnished two copies of the LHM and the Cincinnati Office is being furnished an informational copy for their interest in this matter.

The local office of the U. S. Secret Service is being furnished two copies of the LHM and one copy each to USA, ONI, OSI, and G-2.

Information appearing in the LHM was orally furnished to SA [redacted] in [redacted]. The Atlanta and Newark Offices will subsequently be furnished a copy of the informant's report when available for dissemination to appropriate files.

[redacted] Lakewood, Ohio, PD, was contacted by SA [redacted] on 4/27/66 relative to this matter, and liaison will be maintained with him to insure that any new information developed is properly channelized.

The Atlanta Office is requested to furnish any information coming to their attention concerning JAMES VENABLE's travel to the Cleveland area on 5/7/66.

- 1cc detached by [redacted] REG-112
- 3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) Klan Unit
 - 2-Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)
 - 1-Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 1) (RM)
 - 2-Newark (Enc. 2) (RM)
 - 2-Cleveland
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The Newark Office is being advised of this matter because of the appearance of [redacted] on the same bill with Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE. In the event [redacted] is a subject of the Newark Office, Cleveland Office should be so advised and furnished with pertinent background.

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The Cincinnati Office is being furnished an information copy of the LHM as it is conceivable that Klansmen from Southern Ohio may come to Cleveland to hear or meet with VENABLE.

The Cleveland Office will keep abreast of any developments in this situation and keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
April 27, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Speech To Be Given By Imperial
Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE on
May 7, 1966, at Lakewood, Ohio

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A characterization of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK),
appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable
information in the past, on [redacted] informed that
JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, from Tucker,
Georgia, will speak at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Lakewood,
Ohio, during the evening of May 7, 1966. He is being sponsored
by the National Christian Conservative Society (NCCS).

This source noted that the National Christian
Conservative Society was [redacted] by [redacted] who
utilizes the title of [redacted] is also [redacted]
North American Alliance of White People (NAAWP), which was
formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement
of White People. [redacted] originally conceived the idea of the
NCCS during October, 1965, as a vehicle to circumvent the new
Ohio Fair Housing Law, which precludes discrimination against
the Negro race in housing matters. The NCCS was not a success
in its original intent and is now utilized by [redacted] to give
him cover from his association with the NAAWP.

Source noted that [redacted] a
[redacted] will also be a featured speaker. [redacted]
[redacted] is the [redacted] of the African Universal Church and
Commercial League Corporation of East Orange, New Jersey.

[redacted] Lakewood Police Department,
on April 27, 1966, advised that in view of the above, the

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Lakewood Police Department expects to maintain a small plain-clothes detail within the auditorium during the affair and three patrolmen outside the auditorium to insure that ingress and egress will be orderly and to preclude any incidents. In addition, there will be a reserve squad at police headquarters in case of actual violence.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

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This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [] source advised in [] that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order."

A [] source advised in [] that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

The [] source advised in [] that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

0 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a self-explanatory LHM. The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are each being furnished two (2) copies in view of their interest in this matter. Two (2) copies are being furnished the local office of the U. S. Secret Service and one copy each to the USA, ONI, OSI and G-2.

Information appearing in the LHM was orally furnished on [redacted] by [redacted] to SA [redacted]. The Cincinnati Office will subsequently be furnished a copy of the informant's report when available for dissemination to the files on [redacted] and [redacted].

Chief of Police FRANCIS SZABO, NA, Parma, Ohio PD, and Chief of Police EDWARD MIDRA, Parma Heights, Ohio PD, were alerted to the fact that [redacted] expects to pass out political handbills in Parma and Parma Heights, Ohio, with the

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BY: [signature]

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aid of Klansmen and lead a motorcade from Parma to Cleveland to join the NKKKK in picketing "The Cleveland Press." Although no violence is anticipated, they were alerted to preclude this possibility.

The Cleveland Office will keep alert of any developments in this situation and keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
April 27, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Picketing of "The Cleveland
Press," Cleveland, Ohio,
Proposed for April 30, 1966

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A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and the White Citizens Council of Ohio (WCCO) appear in the appendix attached hereto.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 27, 1966, informed that the NKKKK will hold a picket demonstration against "The Cleveland Press," a daily newspaper published in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, April 30, 1966, for a couple of hours commencing at about 3:00 PM. "The Cleveland Press" building is located at the northeast corner of East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This source advised that [redacted] of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, is sending letters to all Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio members to meet at 3:00 PM, April 30, 1966, in the vicinity of "The Cleveland Press" building. [redacted] and his [redacted] expect to be in Cleveland for the picket demonstration and may possibly bring Klansmen from Southern Ohio.

Source noted that members of the WCCO and the North American Alliance of White People (NAAWP), formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement of White People, were also expected to join the picket demonstration. In this respect, source noted that [redacted] the NAAWP, is running for the office of Ohio State Representative in the 51st House District (Parma and Parma Heights, Ohio) in the May 3, 1966 primaries, and he and his organization will be passing out political handbills in Parma and Parma Heights, Ohio, early the same day. [redacted] then expects to lead a motorcade from Parma, Ohio, to downtown Cleveland, arriving in time to join the picketing of "The Cleveland Press."

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

[redacted] on April 26, 1966, expressed a desire to be in Cleveland early enough on April 30, 1966, to join [redacted] in the motorcade ride to downtown Cleveland, however, he felt he might not be able to arrive in Cleveland in time to do so. A few members of the NKKKK are expected to assist [redacted] in passing out the political handbills, although, this will only be to assist in the manpower requirements and not as members of the Klan.

Source noted the picket demonstration of "The Cleveland Press" is because of this newspaper's critical stand against the Klan and their refusal to print a paid political advertisement for [redacted]

Source stated the picketing will be peaceful and no violence is anticipated.

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, was apprised of the above on April 27, 1966, and advised that police coverage would be afforded the demonstration to insure against any possible violence.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
OF OHIO

Records of the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, were checked on November 24, 1964, and contained the following information:

The White Citizens Council of Ohio was incorporated October 1, 1964, and carries incorporation number 333091. The articles of incorporation were filed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The place of incorporation is listed as Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the corporation is stated as follows:

"To preserve the Constitutional rights and guarantees for the white people as set forth in the Constitution of the U.S. of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio."

Three persons were named as trustees for the corporation:



[REDACTED] as appointed [REDACTED] for the corporation. The principal place of business or office for the purpose of serving notice or demand on the corporation was the same address as listed for [REDACTED]

The incorporation documents bear signatures purporting to be those of the aforementioned persons.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., Aka.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

DATE: 4/26/66

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8/BJP/ST

Re Bureau O-1 Form dated 4/20/66, which is attached.

According to latest information available to
Charlotte, captioned organization is defunct.

Charlotte in the near future contemplates interviewing
[redacted] who as of October, 1965, was [redacted]
[redacted] of the only known Unit of captioned organization at
Raleigh, N. C. In addition, Charlotte intends to interview in
the near future [redacted] who was [redacted]
[redacted] of captioned organization and who reportedly disassociated
himself with the organization in about January, 1966.

These interviews will be handled in the near future
after which report will be submitted on captioned organization
and every attempt will be made to submit report by 5/19/66.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (Your file 157-193) DATE: 4-20-66

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-168) ☐ Post in file and
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM (KLAN)

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DATE 8-33-88 BY SP8CJ/lat

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☐ ReCEreport 1-10-66

☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted by 5/19/66

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1156)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN
NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 7-23-88 BY SP8/ty/lat

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated 3/29/66; Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 11/5/63.

In referenced Los Angeles letter to Bureau the Los Angeles Office set forth in letterhead memorandum dated 11/5/63, information concerning [redacted] and his alleged connections with the National Ku Klux Klan. CALIF

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh for information purposes.

[redacted] Intelligence Detail, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, advised on 4/19/66 that he has maintained an active investigation concerning [redacted]. He stated [redacted] attempts to obtain newspaper publicity regarding the Ku Klux Klan which he is supposed to have organized in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has not been able to recruit any members for his organization but that he continues to make public statements indicating that he is operating a rather large organization. [redacted] stated he knows of no members of this organization other than [redacted] himself.

[redacted] further advised that he has no information indicating that [redacted] has been successful in establishing any chapters of his organization in any other cities throughout

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the United States although he believes that [redacted] has made repeated attempts to establish such chapters.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office concerning this matter.

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11-28 PM EDST URGENT 4-30-66 WNS

TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NKKKK PEACEFULLY PICKETED "CLEVELAND PRESS" THIS AFTERNOON
WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARRESTS.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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Date: 4/29/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM - KLAN
(00: Atlanta)

Re Cincinnati airtel 4/25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM regarding a proposed demonstration by the captioned organization to be held in Kettering, Ohio, on 4/23/66. As noted in LHM, the demonstration did not take place.

A copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished locally to the 109th INTC Group, U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, and also a copy is being furnished to USA, Dayton, Ohio.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 29, 1966

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

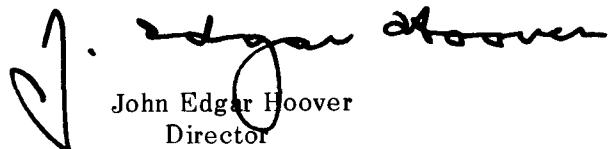
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service , Cincinnati, Ohio

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 29, 1966

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 JJS/SLT

RE: PROPOSED PICKET DEMONSTRATION,
KETTERING, OHIO, BOARD OF EDUCATION,
APRIL 23, 1966 - NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 25, 1966,
regarding the captioned matter.

The Chief of Police, John Shryock, Kettering, Ohio Police
Department, has advised that the proposed picket demonstration by the
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reportedly to be held at the
Kettering, Ohio, Board of Education on April 23, 1966, did not take
place.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan attached hereto.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/29/66

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-889) (C)

SUBJECT:

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(OO: CINCINNATI)

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of a LHM concerning captioned subject suitable for dissemination.

One copy of this LHM has been disseminated locally to Secret Service.

A copy of this LHM has been disseminated locally to the 109th INTC Group.

Source [redacted] is [redacted] contacted by

SA [redacted]

Source [redacted] is [redacted] contacted by

SA [redacted]

Check of Army records at St. Louis conducted by
IC [redacted]

Investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, conducted by

SA [redacted]

Investigation at Cincinnati, Ohio, conducted by

SA [redacted]

Information in LHM furnished to Sheriff John J. Stover, Preble County SO, Eaton, Ohio.

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DATE FORW: 5-12-66

HOW FORW: B.S.

BY: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Cincinnati, Ohio
April 29, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP4/TJ/601

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio

Enclosure(s)

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 29, 1966

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RE: [REDACTED]

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A Confidential Source of the Cincinnati FBI Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a list containing the names and addresses of individuals who have been initiated into the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan and paid \$15.00 dues. The name [REDACTED] Ohio, appeared on this list.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On December 29, 1965, Sheriff John J. Stover, Preble County Sheriff's Office, advised he recalled [REDACTED] whom he knows as [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Ohio. He described [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] and not a responsible person. He rides a motorcycle and lives alone at West Elkton. He is a machinist and is employed at an unknown machine shop in West Elkton. He recalled the subject's mother died recently and that he has a sister who is presently at Longview Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He described the subject as about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] usually shabbily dressed in Levi trousers and a Levi or black motorcycle jacket. He suggested that Mayor Fred Heffron of West Elkton be contacted for additional information. Mayor Heffron is a life long resident of West Elkton and completely reliable.

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On December 29, 1965, [REDACTED] Preble County Department of Health Eaton Ohio, determined from County Welfare records [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] (place not listed). His father was [REDACTED]

On December 29, 1965, [REDACTED] West Elkton, Ohio, advised he was acquainted with the subject who has lived in the area about 20 years. The [REDACTED] family was originally from Middletown, Ohio, where the father was employed at Armco Steel

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Works there. He was injured on the job and retired at which time they moved to West Elkton. He died at Longview Hospital, Cincinnati, about 10 years ago and the subject's mother, Marie, has been dead about two years.

The subject is currently employed as a machinist at the Ideal Machine Shop, West Elkton, and has been so employed about three or four years. He was previously employed as a taxi cab driver at Middletown, Ohio. The subject usually rides an old model black motorcycle and in addition owns a 1956 or 1957 red Plymouth Station Wagon. He was in the U. S. Army during World War II and currently draws a monthly pension check from the government. The subject usually acts quite strangely and is possibly slightly unbalanced. He decorates his trousers with white thread piping and wears white strings for laces in his shoes.

The subject is interested in firearms and about two or three years ago advised that he was in the process of adapting his rifle (caliber unknown), with a "super charger" to give the rifle added power. He evidently adapted this rifle and it was reported that he shot the rifle at a telephone pole and the projectile passed through the pole. He suggested that he put one of his "super chargers" on the Mayor's shotgun, however, the Mayor declined. He was not aware of any firearms presently in the possession of the subject.

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About six months ago the subject was showing his photograph around town. This photograph appeared in the Cincinnati Post Newspaper and the article was concerning a Klan rally held at Oregonia, Ohio, during October, 1965.

He recalled this Klan rally was originally scheduled for Dillsboro, Indiana, however, authorities refused permission for the rally so it was moved to Oregonia. The subject was quite proud of his photograph in the paper and bragged that he was a member of the Klan.

Mayor Heffron described the subject as a [redacted]
age about [redacted]

[redacted] characteristics - [redacted] marital status -
claims to have been married at one time, but has always lived alone,

father, William Findlay Duncan, deceased, mother, Marie Duncan, deceased, brothers - Paul Duncan, killed in World War II.

[redacted] presently residing [redacted]
[redacted] somewhere in [redacted] He has multiple sclerosis
and is presently in Veterans Administration Hospital in Tennessee.
[redacted] presently at Dayton State Mental Hospital,
Dayton, Ohio.

On January 27, 1966, Army records on file at the
Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for
[redacted] Serial Number [redacted] indicated he was
inducted into the U. S. Army on September 28, 1942, at Cincinnati,
Ohio, and served on active duty until November 24, 1947, at which
time he was honorably discharged as a Private at the Walter Reed
General Hospital, Washington, D. C., on a Certificate of Disability
for Discharge because of deformity, left ankle, secondary to
fracture, compound, complete, distal one-third tibia and fibula,
left, accidentally incurred when an iron beam rolled against his
left leg, 24 October 1945, at Herrick Iron Works, Oakland, California,
where he was employed during off duty hours.

Records also indicated that on October 24, 1945, he
was given a diagnosis of schizophrenic reaction, unclassified,
as manifested by disturbance of affect, impoverishment of person-
ality. No further details were shown. b6 b7C

Records failed to indicate that [redacted] has or had any
specific knowledge or training in the field of demolition or
explosives. Records also failed to indicate that any disciplinary
actions were taken against him while serving in the military.

The following background and descriptive information
is contained in the records:

Date and Place of Birth: [redacted] Middletown,
Ohio

Height:
Weight:
Race:
Hair:
Eyes:

[redacted]

Education:
Military and Civilian
Occupation:

1 year high school

Railroad Section Hand
Pennsylvania Railroad Company
Camden, Ohio
(date of last employment,
September 25, 1942)

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Addresses:

Relatives: Mother:
Sister:

Marie Duncan

[REDACTED]

(October,
1942)

Social Security No.:
Local Draft Board No.:
Registrant's Order No.:
Photograph:
VA Claim No.:

#1, Eaton, Ohio
10639

None available
VA Regional Office
1825 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
(January, 1948)

On February 21, 1966, the source referred to above, advised [REDACTED] is well-known to him and is a member of NKKKK. Informant advised [REDACTED] impresses him as being a peculiar loner type individual who gets a personal kick out of attending Klan rallies and having his photograph taken by a news media.

[REDACTED] usually shows up for most of the Klan rallies and is always in front of a camera to make sure that his photograph is obtained. [REDACTED] holds no position of leadership and is considered only a follower at this time.

On [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] confidential source of the Cincinnati FBI Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 19, 1966, a number of Klansmen of the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan from Akron, Ohio, Kentucky,

Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, Middletown, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio, had met on [redacted] farm, Oregonia, Ohio. From there they traveled in cars to Kettering, Ohio, and picketed in the vicinity of the Kettering School Board. The subject was in attendance at this activity.

On April 6, 1966, Sheriff John J. Stover, Preble County Sheriff's Office, advised he recently observed a "KKK" sign on the front bumper of the subject's red Plymouth Station Wagon.

On April 11, 1966, [redacted] VA Regional Office, made available the file of the subject, VA Claim Number [redacted]

The subject was admitted to the Oakland Army Hospital, Oakland, California, on October 25, 1945, at which time, while off duty and a member of the United States Army, he hurt his leg while working at the Hurst Iron Works, Oakland, California. An iron beam rolled onto his leg. While confined at the hospital, he showed signs of being a [redacted] On one occasion he stated that he believed Government Officials were involved in an automobile accident in which his fiancée was killed. He suspected that these Government Officials were either members of the FBI or the U. S. Secret Service and that he was being surveilled by them.

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On June 1, 1946, he was transferred to Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and on August 7, 1946, he was transferred to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., from which he was discharged on November 24, 1947.

A review of the file indicates that this lengthy confinement in the hospital was for treatment of his leg, and not for any mental condition.

On July 20, 1960, an abstract was prepared of the VA records regarding the subject. This abstract stated in part that while in the military service the subject received [redacted]

[redacted] During 1946, there was recorded an Army provisional diagnosis of [redacted] On August 8, 1946, there was a hospital note indicating the subject had made [redacted] and there was an accompanying diagnosis of [redacted]

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Organization was on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list. [redacted] said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list, but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 JYJ/abRe CV airtel to Bureau dated 4/27/66 and CV tel
to Bureau dated 4/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM bearing on the NKKKK picketing of "The Cleveland Press" on 4/30/66. The AT Office is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM and the CI Office is being furnished 3 copies of the LHM.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished the local office of the U. S. Secret Service and one copy each is being furnished to the local offices of the USA, ONI, OSI and G-2.

Info appearing in the LHM was orally furnished to SA [redacted] n [redacted] by [redacted]

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For the info of the CI Office, [redacted] and [redacted] did not come to CV to join the picketing on [redacted] Copies of the LHM are being furnished their respective files as info previously furnished the CI Office indicated that they would come to Cleveland for the picketing.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

May 2, 1966

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Picketing of "The Cleveland Press"
Cleveland, Ohio, on April 30, 1966

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) appears as an appendix attached hereto.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 30, 1966, advised that about twenty individuals, seventeen adults and three children, peacefully picketed "The Cleveland Press" Building, Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, April 30, 1966, from approximately 4:15 PM until 5:30 PM. The majority of individuals present were members of the NKKKK and they were joined by [redacted] the North American Alliance of White People (NAAWP), formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement of White People, and a small group of NAAWP members. Four of the Klansmen wore Klan robes.

Source noted that the picket demonstration of "The Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, was held because of this newspaper's critical stand against the Klan and their refusal to print a paid political advertisement for [redacted] who is running for the office of Ohio State Representative in the May 3, 1966 primary election.

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During the course of the picket demonstration copies of [redacted] political advertisement entitled "Lincoln Opposed Integration" were passed out to individuals walking past the area.

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Source concluded that the picket demonstration was entirely peaceful and no incidents or arrests occurred.

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7:11PM EST URGENT 5-5-66 JDW

TO DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI

FROM ATLANTA 052350

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM - KLAN.

ON [] CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE []

(PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED JAMES R. VENABLE IS LEAVING
 ATLANTA ON MAY 5, 1966 ACCOMPANIED BY [] EN
 ROUTE TO DAYTON, OHIO. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT VENABLE
 WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON A DAYTON, OHIO, RADIO STATION, ON
 MAY 6, 1966.

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*Jack Herington
 advised 5/5/66*

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Date: 5/5/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Enclosed herewith are the original and eight copies of an LHM for the Bureau, and two copies of the LHM for Cleveland captioned: "National Christian Conservative Society, Cleveland, Ohio, May 7, 1966."

The source referred to in the LHM is
confidential source.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM) **ENCLOSURE**
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta

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BY: *JS sh*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Atlanta, Georgia
May 5, 1966

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY
CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 7, 1966

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A confidential source advised on May 5, 1966, that James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, will speak before the National Christian Conservative Society on May 7, 1966, at Cleveland, Ohio. Another speaker will be the [redacted] of East Orange, New Jersey, who is considered a [redacted] Ohio

According to the source, the topic for the meeting will be "Communism in the Civil Rights Movement." The meeting will be held in the Lakewood section of Cleveland and possibly in the Lakewood School since the lease for the building for the meeting was approved by the Lakewood School Board.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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***In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.***

Atlanta, Georgia
May 5, 1966

Title NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
MAY 7, 1966

Character

Reference Atlanta letterhead memorandum,
dated and captioned as above.

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Date: 5/4/66

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-23-88 BY: [signature]

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM regarding
scheduled rallies at Kettering, Ohio, on 5/6/66, and
Cleveland or Youngstown, Ohio, for 5/7/66.

The Kettering Police Department has been advised.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally
in the Cincinnati Division to ONI, OSI, Secret Service,
109th INTC Group, and the United States Attorney.

The Atlanta Division is being furnished copies
since it is the office of origin in the organization file
and due to its interest in JAMES VENABLE. Atlanta is also
requested to furnish information regarding a characterization
of [redacted] if known.

Cleveland is being furnished seven copies of LHM
as additional dissemination there may be desirable.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) **EX-117**
- 4 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 4) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 7) (RM)
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DATE FORW: 5-9-66

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BY: [signature]

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Confidential source is [redacted]
Xenia, Ohio, who furnished the information to Special
Agent [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
May 4, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 ucy/cab

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2
U. S. Secret Service **Cincinnati**

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



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Cincinnati, Ohio
May 4, 1966

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN

On May 3, 1966, a confidential source advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were planning to have a rally in Kettering, Ohio, on Friday, May 6, 1966. They were desirous of utilizing a public address system and expected to have James R. Venable, President of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, present at the rally. They were also to have a woman known as [redacted] from Georgia also at the rally. She was described as being affiliated with the Klan movement.

The rally was to be held on or near the Fairmont West High School in Kettering, where a number of picket demonstrations have been held in the recent past by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

This same source also related that Venable and [redacted] were then scheduled to go to another rally in the Cleveland or Youngstown, Ohio, area, which rally was to be held on Saturday, May 7, 1966.

This confidential source could furnish no additional information regarding the exact time or the place of the rallies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Cincinnati, Ohio
May 4, 1966

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 5/2/66

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P. 2Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN
(OO: Atlanta)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., rally held at Stone Mountain, Ga., on 4/30/66.

Enclosed for Columbia and Birmingham are two copies each of the same LHM.

The information in the LHM was furnished by
[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Columbia (Enc. 2) (157-645) (RM)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2) (105-469) (RM)
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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

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HOW FORW: P.S.

BY: [signature]

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Approved: [signature] JKP
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Atlanta, Georgia

May 2, 1966

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 u3/jab

RALLY OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
HELD STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,
APRIL 30, 1966

On May 1, 1966, source advised that on April 30, 1966, a rally of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was held in a pasture owned by JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at the foot of Stone Mountain in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Approximately 75 persons attended this rally and cross burning. Twelve of the persons present were dressed in Klan robes, and five of the persons wearing Klan robes had the letters "SC" in red on their white Klan hoods.

The public speaking started at approximately 8:20 p.m., and it was opened with a prayer by a person who was identified as the Imperial Kludd.

The first speaker was JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. VENABLE stated that the white politician had sold the white people in America down the river for the Negro vote. VENABLE stated if the present Civil Rights law which is now in Congress is passed, people would not be able to travel from one city to another without first registering and furnishing information as to where they were going, whom they were going to see, and what their business was. VENABLE stated this same Civil Rights law would take away the rights of the people to carry firearms as it would be against the law to transport firearms on a Federal highway or a highway whose construction was subsidized by the Federal Government. VENABLE called for the Klan to go underground and stated Klansmen should enlighten the white people as to what was going on. VENABLE stated the Federal School Guideline is another attempt by the Federal Government

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RALLY OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
HELD STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, APRIL 30, 1966

to take rights away from the people. He stated President JOHNSON is influenced more by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., than any other person. He stated President JOHNSON had invited KING to Washington, D. C., to plan more civil unrest, instead of inviting a white Christian man. VENABLE asked all white people who believed in the constitutional form of government to join the Klan. He requested these white people to get their sons and daughters registered to vote in order that they might vote out the politicians who had sold the white people down the river.

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During the speech of VENABLE, chances were sold on a .410 shotgun, and a drawing was subsequently held for this gun.

Following JAMES R. VENABLE's speech, a person dressed in a black robe and stating he was from South Carolina made a short speech. This person stated that President JOHNSON had said he was "going to finish the Klan, but he wanted that bastard to know that they were riding before he came into power and would be riding long after he was gone and forgotten."

Following this person's speech, two crosses were burned, one of these being approximately thirty feet high, and the other a smaller cross approximately four or five feet high. The Klansmen in robes circled around the cross, and they were joined by approximately five men who were dressed in black shirts and black trousers. One Klansmen identified as [redacted] was dressed in a black shirt, black trousers, black cap and was wearing a black holster and revolver.

The public speaking and cross burning was concluded by 9:20 p.m. JAMES R. VENABLE announced there would be a public speaking and cross burning in Centre, Alabama, on May 14, 1966.

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Atlanta, Georgia
May 2, 1966

Title RALLY OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
HELD STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,
APRIL 30, 1966

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum at
Atlanta, Georgia, dated and
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Mr. Gale	_____
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11-17 PM EDST URGENT 5-7-66 WNS

TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTERS -
KLAN.

REMYTEL, MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

LAKEWOOD, OHIO PD ADVISED TONIGHT THAT APPROXIMATELY
THIRTY PICKETS, EIGHTY PER CENT OF WHOM WERE WHITE AND THE
REMAINDER NEGROES, PICKETED LAKEWOOD CIVIC AUDITORIUM DURING
APPEARANCE OF JAMES R. VENABLE, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE NKKKK'.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AND PICKETS LEFT AREA PEACEFULLY.

NEGRO PICKETS GAVE NO INDICATION THEY WERE FROM JFK HOUSE.

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT
LAKEWOOD CIVIC AUDITORIUM AND IT IS FELT THE SPONSORS OF THE
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT SUFFERED A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL LOSS

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Date: 5/5/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
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DATE 8-23-88 BY SPERRY/et

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 4/27/66, and accompanying LHM advising of JAMES R. VENABLE's scheduled speech at Lakewood, Ohio, on 5/7/66.

[redacted] was in telephonic contact with Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE, Stone Mountain, Georgia, early morning of this date to ascertain if VENABLE would be in CV Sunday, 5/8/66, to attend a Klavern #6 meeting in view of VENABLE's expected travel to CV, 5/7/66. VENABLE advised he would be in CV area 5/7/66, for a scheduled speech and would attend Klavern #6 meeting following day. He indicated travel arrangements and sleeping accommodations while in CV area have already been taken care of.

Above being furnished Bureau and Atlanta for their further information. This info is not being incorporated into a LHM as info relative to VENABLE's visit to CV previously incorporated into referenced CV LHM.

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- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
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- 1 - Cleveland

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1101 AM DST URGENT 5/7/66 EMT

TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261) 2 PGS.

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-5 [signature]

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTER-KLAN.

REMYAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE AIRTEL STATES JAMES R. VENABLE, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE
NKKKK, WILL SPEAK AT LAKEWOOD CIVIC AUDITORIUM, LAKEWOOD, OHIO,
A CLEVELAND SUBURB, ON THE EVENING OF MAY SEVEN INSTANT. PROGRAM
IS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY AND

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[REDACTED] WILL ALSO SPEAK.

SOURCE ADVISED NIGHT OF MAY SIX LAST THAT YOUTHS FROM JFK
HOUSE, A PRIVATE NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTER, CONSIDERED PICKETING
ABOVE MEETING BUT MADE NO PLANS AND DROPPED MATTER. JFK HOUSE IS
A CENTER OF EXTREME BLACK NATIONALIST ACTIVITY. PREVIOUS PICKETING
BY JFK GROUP HAS BEEN PEACEFUL. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE SPONTANEOUS
ACTION BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED
AND OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO AREA TO MAINTAIN ORDER. LAKEWOOD
PD HAS BEEN PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION INDEPENDENT OF THIS INFO
THAT THIS MEETING WILL POSSIBLY BE PICKETED BY NEGROES ALTHOUGH
HAVINGS NO INFO TO THE EFFECT.


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BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND LHM SUBMITTED.
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ADDENDUM: JFK HOUSE IS PRESENTLY THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY
CONTROVERSY RE FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAVING BEEN CLOSED FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDS .

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Date: 5/5/66

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

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 DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-8 JTB/STK

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM regarding information from [redacted] a source who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Klan rallies in Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally in the Cincinnati Division to ONI, OSI, Secret Service, 109th INTC Group, and the United States Attorney.

The Atlanta Division is being furnished copies since it is the office of origin in the organization file and due to its interest in JAMES VENABLE.

Cleveland is being furnished seven copies of LHM as additional dissemination there may be desirable.

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Cincinnati, Ohio
May 5, 1966

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
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Washington, D. C. 20220

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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Cincinnati, Ohio

May 5, 1966

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated May 4, 1966, from Cincinnati Division.

A confidential source advised on May 5, 1966, that the rally contemplated for Dayton, Ohio, to be held by the captioned organization on May 6, 1966, will not take place.

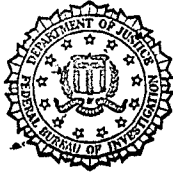
This source advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally on Saturday, May 7, 1966, will take place at the Parna Heights (phonetic) Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio, at 7:30 P.M.

James Venable, President of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will go through Dayton, Ohio, on May 6, 1966, on his way to Cleveland, and appear on a radio program on May 6, 1966, in Dayton. His party will then leave Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday morning, May 7, 1966, for Cleveland, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Cincinnati, Ohio
May 5, 1966

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 5/9/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Re CV airtel to Bureau, 4/27/66 and CV tel to Bureau, 5/7/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory LHM. AT, CI and NK are each being furnished two copies of this LHM. The local office of U.S. Secret Service is being furnished two copies of the LHM and one copy each is being furnished to USA, ONI, OSI and G-2.

On the night of [redacted] orally advised that youths from the JFK House were considering picketing the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Lakewood, Ohio, on the evening of 5/7/66 where JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK was to be a scheduled speaker. The matter was dropped and no plans made.

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- 2 - Newark (Enc. 2) (RM)
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[redacted] Lakewood, Ohio, PD, was alerted since the JFK group has picketed in the past and it was felt spontaneous action might be taken by individual members. The JFK House is a privately operated neighborhood community center which has been closed for several months due to a lack of funds and is characterized by [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, CVPD, as a center of black nationalism and a source of aggravated neighborhood juvenile delinquency.

[redacted] Lakewood, Ohio PD advised on the night of 5/7/66, that no pickets identifiable with the JFK House appeared at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium and for that reason no mention is being made of the foregoing in the attached LHM.

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Information appearing in the LHM attributable to the first source was orally furnished to SA [redacted] on [redacted] and the AT and NK offices will subsequently be furnished a copy of the informant report when available, for dissemination to appropriate files.

The [redacted] confidential source is [redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio
May 9, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-10261

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Speech Given by Imperial Wizard
JAMES R. VENABLE on May 7, 1966,
at Lakewood, Ohio

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A characterization of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
(NKKKK), appears in the Appendix
attached hereto.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, on April 27, 1966, informed that
JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, from Tucker,
Georgia, will speak at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Lake-
wood, Ohio, during the evening of May 7, 1966. He is being
sponsored by the National Christian Conservative Society
(NCCS).

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This source noted that the National Christian
Conservative Society was founded by [redacted] *Ohio*
utilizes the title of [redacted] is also the [redacted]
of North American Alliance of White People (NAAWP), which was
formerly known as the National Association for the Advancement
of White People. [redacted] originally conceived the idea of
the NCCS during October, 1965, as a vehicle to circumvent the
new Ohio Fair Housing Law, which precludes discrimination
against the Negro race in housing matters. The NCCS was not
a success in its original intent and is now utilized by
[redacted] to give him cover for his association with the NAAWP.

Source noted that [redacted] *Ohio*
[redacted] will also be a featured speaker. [redacted]
[redacted] is the Archbishop of the African Universal Church
and Commercial League Corporation of East Orange, New Jersey.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

[redacted] Lakewood Police Department on April 27, 1966, advised that in view of the above, the Lakewood Police Department expects to maintain a small plain-clothes detail within the auditorium during the affair and three patrolmen outside the auditorium to insure that ingress and egress will be orderly and to preclude any incidents. In addition, there will be a reserve squad at police headquarters in case of actual violence.

The confidential source mentioned above, on May 9, 1966, advised that in his talk at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium on the night of May 7, 1966, VENABLE outlined the history of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and appealed for Klan membership or, for moral and financial support. He stated that the battle of the KKK was with Mongrelization and Communism and that it was not true that the Klan was against Catholics, Jews or Negroes.

The confidential source advised that [redacted] [redacted] in his talk, advocated racial segregation and asked the white people to stop "flattering" the Negroes because there is a difference between the races.

On May 7, 1966, [redacted] identified above, advised that approximately 250 people were in attendance at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium for the above speeches. He informed that there was no trouble either in the auditorium or in the area outside of the auditorium. He informed that approximately 30 individuals picketed the auditorium prior to the above speeches and left shortly after the program started. He advised that approximately 80 per cent of these individuals were Caucasian and the remainder were Negro. He stated that they identified themselves as members of the Ohio Committee Against the Klan.

On May 9, 1966, [redacted] Lakewood, Ohio, Police Department advised that two individuals who identified themselves as [redacted] stated that they were in charge of the group of pickets at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium and that the group was called the Ohio Committee Against the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] advised that he talked to them while they were picketing.

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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member of the
Workers World Party

He stated that [redacted] whom he described as a [redacted]
[redacted] age approximately [redacted] told him that he resided
at [redacted] telephone number [redacted]
He stated that [redacted] whom he described as a [redacted]
age [redacted] stated that he resides at the
[redacted] Columbus, Ohio. telephone
number [redacted] located on the [redacted]

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[redacted] informed that most of the group of
pickets apparently were from Columbus, Ohio, and Youngstown,
Ohio and were of college age, although there were several
middle-aged individuals present. They were mostly males,
although there were a few females.

A [redacted] confidential source who has furnished
reliable information in the past, on November 2, 1964,
identified [redacted] as a member of the Workers World Party
(WWP), and of the National Committee of the Workers World
Party as of September 7, 1964.

A characterization of the WWP is attached.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On [] a [] source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Date: 5/6/66

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 FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
 RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
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Re Cleveland airtels to Bureau, 1/12/66 and
 4/26/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
 seven (7) copies of an LHM and enclosed for Cleveland
 are two copies of the same LHM concerning information
 regarding a march on Washington, May 30, 1966.

The [] source is []
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A characterization of the National Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) appears as
an Appendix attached hereto.

Information From NKKKK Klavern No. 6,
Cleveland, Ohio, Meeting of January 9,
1966, Concerning a Klan March on
Washington, D.C., May 30, 1966

A confidential source advised on April 25, and May 3,
1966, that he has no information of a proposed march on Washington
sponsored by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,
or any other organization. He is aware of no plans by the
NKKKK or any other organization for May 30, 1966.

A [] confidential source advised on []
[] that James R. Venable, as Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK,
is not planning or participating in any march on Washington
on May 30, 1966. He has not given his approval for any such
march sponsored by any member or Klavern of his organization.
The [] confidential source is not aware that such a march
has ever been proposed to Venable.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
May 6, 1966

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	
Reference	Letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-254)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KUKLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERSRe Atlanta teletype, 5/5/66, and Cincinnati airtels,
5/4 and 5/66.

JAMES R. VENABLE appeared as scheduled on radio and television station WHIO, Dayton, program entitled "Conversation Piece", from 1:10 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., 5/6/66. During first part of program, he was accompanied by [redacted] of NKKKK in Ohio, and latter part of program accompanied by unnamed female, describing herself as [redacted] of the women of the Klan. Her voice sounded like an older woman, but she refused to give her name. It is believed possibly that this woman is [redacted]

The "Conversation Piece" is a program where the moderator receives telephone calls from private citizens who direct their questions to the guest of the day. The questions by the people in Dayton to VENABLE, [redacted] or the unknown woman were general in nature and no pertinent information was received.

The radio broadcast was recorded on dictabelt and will be transcribed.

Atlanta will receive a copy of the transcription.

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner (Field Supervision)
- 1 - Mr. Kelly

To: SAC, Cincinnati (157-254)

From: Director, FBI 157-168132 REC-24

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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ReCincinnati dated 5/6/66.

The contents of James R. Venable, Charlie Scott, and the unknown female who appeared on the Dayton, Ohio, radio program "Conversation Piece" should be disseminated in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. In addition you should insure that dissemination is made to local military intelligence agencies and Secret Service.

JTK:jec (5)

NOTE:

Cincinnati furnished by airtel information concerning an appearance by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who appeared on a Dayton, Ohio, radio program entitled "Conversation Piece" on 5/6/66. Also appearing on the program were [redacted] and an unnamed female who described herself as Imperial Commander of the women of the Klan. This data should be disseminated.

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FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (RUC)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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Re Cincinnati airtel 5/6/66, and Bureau airtel dated 5/12/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM setting forth a summarization of the pertinent conversation which took place on a radio program, "Conversation Piece", WHIO Radio, Dayton, Ohio, 5/6/66. On this program the guest was JAMES VENABLE, and [redacted] of the NKKKK in Ohio, and un-named female who identified herself as the [redacted] of the Women's Division of the NKKKK. While it is not known definitely the identity of this unknown woman, it is very probable that she is identical with [redacted]

Dissemination is being made locally to the offices of Naval Investigative Service, Office, Cincinnati, OSI, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, 109th INTC Group, Cincinnati, and Secret Service, Cincinnati.

Also enclosed for the Atlanta Division are four copies of LHM and for the Cleveland Division one copy of LHM.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 18, 1966

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Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201
May 18, 1966

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On May 6, 1966, James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Parkie Scott, who is identified as the national organizer of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were the scheduled guests on WHIO Radio Station Program entitled "Conversation Piece", Dayton, Ohio. It is noted that this is a program where the moderator, while at liberty to interview the guests, also receives telephone calls from private citizens who direct their questions to the guests of the day.

The moderator said that the discussion of the program was a topic of interest of the day and the program of that day concerned the Klan subject. He stated that Venable and Scott were the guests of the day. During the course of his interview with the guests, James Venable replied to questioning that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was not responsible that the Negro lives in squalor but did state that the white race was superior to the Negro race. To prove his point, he directed the moderator's attention to the barbaric action of the Negro race in Africa where they are still "eating each other". He also said that the purpose of the Klan movement was to fight Communism since it was a menace attempting to take over the world and our country. Venable also pointed that there were forty-three separate and distinct Klan organizations in the United States today.

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[redacted] when questioned by the moderator, stated that the Klan movement was not a dead issue while the hearings in Washington, D. C. in the recent months might have affected the movement, it was still a vital and active movement. [redacted] said that he would not tell the number of persons involved in the Klan movement

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in Ohio and particularly in the southwestern part of Ohio. Scott stated that his heart was definitely in the Klan movement and said that there would be National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rallies in Ohio during the summer pointing out that they were studying about the northern part of the state as opposed to having more rallies on his farm in Orgonia, Ohio. During the interview [] said that he became associated with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in 1965. b6 b7C

During the portion of the program where callers asked questions to the guests, Venable answered that there was never anyone in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan who had been convicted of acts of violence and that he, himself, was opposed to violence. He noted that persons convicted of acts of violence would be banished from this organization. He also said he had no ill will toward anyone based upon their race, color, or creed; he was not opposed to the Negro but was against "race mixing" and wanted the Negro to stay Negro and the white to stay white. He said that his goal and the goal of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was to preserve the white race and the United States and its Constitution.

During the course of the questioning, Venable said that he had been a member of the Klan since 1924.

During the course of the program, in its later stages, Parkie Scott had to leave and an un-named woman, who identified herself as the Imperial Commander of the Women's Division of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, presented herself on the program to answer questions. She refused to give her name. No pertinent questions were directed to this un-named woman.

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Date: 5/10/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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[redacted] informed that on 5/8/66, an Ohio State NKKKK Conference was held in Cleveland at which [redacted] National NKKKK [redacted] presided and Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE attended. The following was a result of this conference:

A State Board was set up as a sort of court of appeals to handle grievances lodged against Klansmen and to settle disputes which are not settled on the Klavern level and in the event a Klansman is not satisfied with a Klavern ruling he may bring the matter to the State Board. In the event a Klansman is not satisfied with a decision made by the State Board he may then bring the matter before the National Board.

A member representative from each Klavern will sit on the State Board. This member representative will be selected by the Exalted Cyclops of the particular Klavern and in practice will usually be the Exalted Cyclops.

State Klan officials below the rank of Vice Grand Dragon will be selected by a delegation whose membership will be composed of the Exalted Cyclops from each Klavern and two member representatives from each Klan who are to be appointed by their Exalted Cyclops.

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The Grand Dragon and Vice Grand Dragon will be appointed on the national level and the Grand Dragon will have no powers of appointment. Klavern officials will be elected by the Klavern membership.

The State of Ohio was divided into four regional Klan sections. Each regional section will have at least one Great Titan and at least one Kleagle, although, heavily populated areas may have more than one Great Titan and Kleagle. The four regional Klan sections in Ohio are irregular portions of the state that are roughly equivalent to the Northeastern, Northwestern, Southeastern and Southwestern sections of Ohio.

State Board membership was resolved at this conference although appointments were made by number rather than name. No Great Titans or sectional Kleagles were appointed and ~~most~~ of the officials were named with the exception that [redacted] is still considered the [redacted] for the State of Ohio. No information was divulged relative to the national appointment of a Grand Dragon or Vice Grand Dragon at Ohio, although, Bureau previously furnished information relative to a Grand Dragon appointment and informant continues to gather bits of intelligence to indicate such an appointment has been made.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Atlanta and for the guidance of the Cincinnati Office. Copies of informant's report will subsequently be furnished the Atlanta and Cincinnati offices.

No dissemination is being made of the above and consequently a LHM was not prepared as this information is not of an immediate interest to local intelligence agencies and will be incorporated into the next 90 day report.

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Date: 5/12/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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Proposed NKKKK Rally Scheduled for
May 28, 1966, Youngstown, Ohio area

Attached are eight copies of LHM for dissemination by the Bureau. At this time it is uncertain as to whether this proposed demonstration will actually occur, in view of the planned rallies which were announced by this group but never did occur on 4/2/66 and 5/7/66, near Akron, Ohio.

In the event such a rally is held on 5/28/66, the Bureau will be notified and LHM submitted re such occurrence.

Copies of attached LHM have been designated for the USA, G-2, ONI and OSI at Cleveland, Ohio, for their info. Info copies are also being furnished the AT and CI offices due to their interest in this matter.

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 8) (ENCLOSURE)
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Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8 RJJ/bet

Proposed NKKKK Rally Scheduled for
May 28, 1966, Youngstown, Ohio area

A characterization of the NKKKK appears on attached
appendix page.

[redacted] Security Squad, Youngstown,
Police Department, Youngstown, Ohio, on May 11, 1966, advised
that above captioned organization did not hold their twice
proposed rally near Akron, Ohio, in Summit County as scheduled
on April 2, 1966 and May 7, 1966, due to bad weather and a
legal problem (which [redacted] assumed was a court injunction to
stop the holding of such a rally).

[redacted] stated [redacted]
whom [redacted] considers to be a Klan organizer,
announced his group plans to make a third attempt to hold
such a rally and this time he will endeavor to hold it
somewhere, at a secret, undisclosed location, near Youngstown,
Ohio, on May 28, 1966. [redacted] added [redacted] will not announce
the exact location of the proposed rally site until a day or
two before the rally is to occur, so as to avoid court injunction
or other repercussions.

[redacted] concluded that no Klan rallies had been held
in the Youngstown, Ohio area within recent years and if such
does occur, the Youngstown, Ohio, Police Department and
Mahoning County Sheriff's Office will maintain peace and order.

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 Mr. Gale _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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Re Cleveland airtel to Director dated 5/10/66.

On [redacted] (Prob) advised as follows: MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The Ohio State National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, 5/8/66, presided over by Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE, resulted with the following action being taken: The Imperial Wizard appointed [redacted] as [redacted] for the State of Ohio. [redacted] home residence is currently not known but it is believed to be in the Cleveland, Ohio area. The name of the Vice Dragon was not disclosed. The following additional officers were appointed which will make up the executive board:

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

1. [redacted]
 [redacted]

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

3. [REDACTED]
Hamilton, Ohio.
4. [REDACTED]
Oregonia, Ohio.
5. [REDACTED] - Middletown, Ohio.
6. [REDACTED]
Cleveland, Ohio.
7. [REDACTED] Lodi,
Ohio.
8. [REDACTED] - Akron, Ohio.
9. [REDACTED] Cincinnati,
Ohio (?).

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The current plan is to establish four provinces under four titans to operate within the State of Ohio, with the titans being selected by the Grand Dragon on the advice of the executive board. Of course this is still in the planning stage and is not organized or operating.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau, Atlanta, and Cleveland. Copies of the informant's report will subsequently be furnished the Atlanta and Cleveland offices.

No dissemination is being made of the above, UACB, and consequently a LHM was not prepared as this information is not of immediate interest to local intelligence agencies and quite possibly could be subject to change. When complete positive information and identities of all Klan officials are known, this information will then be properly disseminated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-425) (P)
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Re Pittsburgh airtel and LHM dated 3/15/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned organization. One copy each has been furnished to G-2, Pittsburgh, OSI, Pittsburgh, and to NISO, Norfolk, Va. Two copies have been furnished to Atlanta the office of origin in this matter.

Information attributed to West Virginia
 [redacted] was furnished to
 SA [redacted]

The matter of incorporating captioned organization in West Virginia will be followed and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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 (1-157-91) [redacted]
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HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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The "Hinton Daily News," Hinton, West Virginia, issue of March 11, 1966, contained an article on page one captioned, "Hinton Man Asks Papers." This article set out that W. E. Houchins of Hinton, W. Va., Imperial Wizard of the West Virginia-Virginia Chapter of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had asked West Virginia [redacted] for necessary application forms to receive a charter. The article continued that [redacted] mailed the application to Houchins, stating that he would pass on it in accordance with his duties bearing in mind what he considered to be the best interests of the citizens of West Virginia. In his letter to [redacted] [redacted] said "one of the South's greatest constitutional attorneys" had informed him neither [redacted] nor the NAACP could block his attempt to obtain a charter. In reply [redacted] said, "I don't know if he [redacted] is trying to threaten me with legal action or trying to force me to grant a charter at this time. But I will state that I have a duty to perform and this will be done."

The April 22, 1966, issue of "The Charleston Daily Mail," Charleston, W. Va., in an article on page 21 captioned, "2 KKK Organizations Listed 'Subversive'" set out that Secretary of State Robert D. Bailey advised

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that he had received information that two Ku Klux Klan organizations one of them in Hinton are listed as subversive by the United States Attorney General's Office. Bailey stated that he would not issue a charter.

On March 15, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] State Capital Building, Charleston, W. Va.,
advised that on March 9, 1966, he received the follow-
ing letter bearing the return address of [redacted]
[redacted]

"March 8, 1966

"Secretary of State
Charleston, West Virginia

"Dear [redacted]

"I would like the necessary papers (two copies)
to incorporate the National Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan in the State of West Virginia. I would also like
the necessary requirements of incorporating in the
State of West Virginia.

"I also wish to inform you that I have been in
contact with one of the south's greatest constitutional
attorneys----and have been happily informed that it
would be impossible for you and [redacted] to stop
such incorporation.

"I would deeply appreciate the two necessary
copies by return mail with directions.

"I remain,

Yours truly

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"PS: What umpire of public sentiment decreed that to form an organization for the advancement of colored people was to be looked upon as righteous statesmanship, but to form an organization for the advancement and protection of white people was to be looked upon as bigotry and treason.

"WEH"

On April 18, 1966 [redacted] advised he has yet to receive any formal application for a Charter of Incorporation from any branch of the Ku Klux Klan, although he did comply with requests for applications. He stated that if and when he does receive an application, he will then decide what action he will take in issuing a charter. He indicated that if he could be furnished with any valid reason for turning down the application he would certainly do so, but that he would have to have a reason so that he could inform the applicant for the charter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
(OO: Atlanta)

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Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 5/18/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning the re-scheduling of a proposed NKKKK rally for the Memorial Day Weekend to the July 4, 1966 Weekend.

The Cincinnati Office is being furnished 8 copies of LHM for dissemination to U.S. Secret Service and interested intelligence agencies as the proposed rally is within the Cincinnati Division.

The Atlanta Office is being furnished two copies of the LHM for their interest and the Louisville Office is being furnished one copy for their information, as they were previously advised of the originally scheduled rally.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who orally furnished this information to SA [redacted] on 5/23/66.

A copy of informant's report will subsequently be furnished for the Cincinnati File on [redacted]

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
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1 - Louisville (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Cleveland, Ohio
May 23, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Proposed One-Year Anniversary
NKKKK Rally, Re-scheduled for
July 2, 3 & 4, 1966 at
Oregonia, Ohio

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A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) appears as an appendix attached hereto.

member of sub group
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who previously furnished information relative to this matter, advised on May 23, 1966 that [redacted] NKKKK [redacted] for the State of Ohio, on May 21, 1966 informed that the One-Year Anniversary NKKKK Rally, originally considered for the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, 1966, at Oregonia, Ohio, was postponed due to "wet grounds" at his Oregonia, Ohio farm; however, this rally has been re-scheduled for the July 4 Weekend, July 2-4, 1966, at his Oregonia, Ohio farm.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
(OO: Atlanta)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning a proposed NKKKK rally scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, 1966, at Oregonia, Ohio. Inasmuch as the proposed rally is within the Cincinnati Office, the Cincinnati Division is being furnished 8 copies of the LHM for dissemination to the U.S. Secret Service and interested intelligence agencies. The Atlanta Office is being furnished 2 copies of the LHM for their interest and the Louisville Office is also being furnished 2 copies of the LHM for their information.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who orally furnished this information to SA [redacted] on 5/18/66.

In addition to the above [redacted] advised that on [redacted] he was with Klansmen [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] business establishment at Latonia, Ky. [redacted] advised that the Klan camping trailer, believed to be owned by Klansman [redacted]

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[redacted] which [redacted] has seen at two Klan rallies at Lodi and Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, during 1965. [redacted] is sued to transport Klan firearms to Klan rallies. [redacted] advised that a few firearms are purposely hidden in obvious places so that they are found by law enforcement agencies. However, he claimed that the bulk of the firearms, he gave the figure "\$5,000.00 worth", are well hidden under the bunks in the trailer. He claimed that these firearms have been successfully transported to various NKKKK rallies in this manner.

The fact that the above trailer has allegedly been used to transport Klan firearms in the past to NKKKK rallies is already known and for this reason as well as the fact that the dissemination of this information at this time could compromise the informant, it was not incorporated into a LHM. However, as a specific hiding place was revealed, this matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau and interested offices.

Copies of informant's reports will subsequently be furnished to the Cincinnati and Louisville Offices for their respective files on individuals in contact with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Cleveland, Ohio

May 18, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Proposed One Year Anniversary
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
Rally Scheduled for Memorial Day
Weekend, May 28-30, 1966, at
Oregonia, Ohio

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on [redacted] advised that on [redacted]

[redacted] NKKKK [redacted] for the State of Ohio, announced that a One-Year Anniversary NKKKK Rally would probably be held over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, 1966 at his, [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio farm. The rally would be held to celebrate the fact that the NKKKK has been in Ohio for one year.

[redacted] noted that he is still undecided whether the rally would be held, however, felt that it would be held inasmuch as Klansmen close to him are in favor of such a rally.

In the event the rally is held, it was decided that two Klansmen in Klan robes be posted at the Oregonia cut-off from Ohio Interstate Route #70; two Klansmen in Klan robes would be posted on Lincoln Road, which runs by the [redacted] farm, as well as two Klansmen in Klan robes, who would be posted at the actual entry road to the [redacted] farm buildings.

In addition, Klansmen throughout Ohio would telephonically contact radio and television stations as well as newspapers to ask if anything had been heard about a NKKKK rally in Ohio to be held over the Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the

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Klan's being in Ohio for one year. These Klansmen would not identify themselves as such, nor divulge the location of the rally, but it was felt that interest in the rally would be generated in this manner.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, [redacted] State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Organization was on the U.S. Attorney General's subversive list. [redacted] said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U.S. Attorney General's subversive list, but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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